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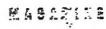
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Police call for lower alcohol limit

Drink-drive cases up by 18 per cent

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE number of motorists caught drinking and driving over the Christmas and new year holiday rose by 18 per cont compared with last year. The total - 5,209 in England and Wales - was the second highest this decade.

There were also more accidents in which one of the parties had been drinking -

up 4 per cent from 939 to 974. The figures prompted police and road safety campaigners to call for a lower alcohol limit for drivers and for the police to. have greater discretion over when to give people breath tests. John Bowis, the Road Safety Minister, said: Too many drivers are still ignoring the very clear message that drinking and driving wrecks

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But he added: These fig-ures reflect-the fact that all police forces have applied a policy of breath-testing every driver involved in an accident More tests result in higher

was still difficult to estab. lish, however, whether this year's increase really meant that more people were drinking and driving — or simply that more were caught — since no overall figures were available for the number of tests carried out. Most forces refuse

to give such statistics.
Of those that did, Merseyside reported that it tested three times as many drivers as it did last year - but far fewer were found positive: 97 out of 11,160, compared with 135 in 1995. Gloucestershire, Norfolk and Cumbria also reported a smaller percentage of tested drivers being found over the

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the prayers of many a-

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one in four drivers tested was arrests for driving and driv-ing or refusing a breath test was finee times as high as over Christmas 1995. West Mercia also reported a 35 per cent increase in the number of

Water cover the period from fam on December 18 to famyesterday, in Scotland, the number of people tested was up by 80 per cent to 100,000 in December, of whom 1 per cent were found to be positive.
Pélice chiefs were disappointed that a £1.2 million

advertising campaign had not brought a further improvement on last year's drop in the number of positive tests. Paul Manning, secretary of the Association of Chaef Police Officers' traffic committee, thought that a plateau might have been reached and that the message might have to be reinforced.

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for photosynthesis. The identi-

The police want greater "unfettened" powers to stop

New grass stays green

whatever the weather

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scientists have de- ly sown in pastures. The veloped a grass that always scientists found that the mu-

and test drivers and they are also in favour of reducing the legal alcohol limit for driving from 80mg per 100ml of blood to 50mg. Richard Freeman of the AA agreed that the campaign may now be stuck and called for a new initiative. He said: "it's quite obvious that the people

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drinking and driving are do-ing so quite deliberately and are ignoring advice. The police must be allowed to better target suspects. If that means police parking down the road from a pub, then so be it.

"It's the threat of being caught and prosecuted that's the main threat which may

prevent people from doing it -that threat must be increased

The RAC's campaigns man ager, Richard Woods, said:
Despite high profile campaigns, the latest figures show
there's still a minority, a hardcore of drinking drivers. We need to break through the mentality that these drivers ing isn't an offence. If we can explain the consequences of drink-driving in human terms as well as in financial terms the long-term impact on the drink-driver's own livelihood - perhaps that's the way

forward." Dave Rogers, road safety adviser for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, also backed those calling for a lower alcohol limit. saying: "We believe the only long-term solution is a gradual reduction to zero at stages agreed by the police and relevant authorities. If people do not listen to the warnings tougher action will have to be



Parents mourn schoolgirl killed in church garden

BY DANIEL McGRORY

THE parents of a 17-year-old schoolgirl who was found Year's Day paid tribute to their daughter yesterday in a pagnant handwritten note seeking public help in the hunt for the killer.

Nicola Dixon had stayed at home in Sutton Coldfield while her family went to visit relatives in Northumberland on Tuesday because she had been due to take her driving test. "Ironically, the test was cancelled because of the snow, the family said. That evening she had joined friends at a social club for half

an hour, showing off her new look — she had dyed her blonde hair black. At 9.45 she left to walk three-quarters of a mile to a public house in the centre of Sutton Coldfield, where she intended to meet a. girliriend.

But she got only halfway there before being battered about the head, sexually as-

saulted and left for dead. The police said yesterday that her injuries showed that she put up a valiant struggle, which passers-by might have mistaken for larking about. Her body was found the next morning in a garden next to the rectory.

The Rev Daniel and Valerie Connolly had arrived from Plymouth this week and Mrs Connolly was showing some friends around the garden of the empty curate's house next door when she saw the body in

Detective Chief Inspector Kevin Roberts said: "It's most likely that she was killed in the garden. Because of the freezing conditions it will be impossible to tell exactly when she died. We haven't found a weapon. It could have been something as basic as a brick or a stone. Her family are in deep shock. You can imagine how they feel."

Rita and Andy Dixon and

ham, said in their statement that they were devastated. Describing Nicola as "the sort of girl any parent or brother would want", they said: "She was a happy girl who was popular, talented, hard-working and lived her life to the full. We want to help you to get the public to help to find whoever did this to her. We and the rest of her family and her friends are going through hell and we don't want anyone

else to suffer in this way." Miss Dixon had been studying for A levels in busi-ness studies, art and photography. She was also planning to take her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in the summer The family statement added that since moving to Sutton Coldfield they had made many friends; Miss Dixon had become involved with the Beavers group and helped at an infants' school. "We know they will all miss her. We are

ty of the enzyme is being kept secret for commercial and patent reasons. The trait has now been transferred to other grasses, including some that are being

fresh even in drought-like conditions that would turn normal grasses brown. It has been bred by researchers at the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research at developed commercially. The hope is that they will find their way on to football pitches, golf courses, parks and other public places. The grass also has Aberystwyth, Wales, who claim it stays green even after it withers. The development is an outcome of the discovery of a great potential as a protein-rich winter animal feed. natural, mutant, strain of

5,000 McJobs as chain expands

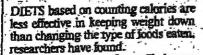
McDonakes, the American hamburger chain, is planning to create 5,000 jobs in Britain this year, spending £116 million on opening up to 110 new.
restaurants. Most will be drive-through restaurants paying new staff by the hour.
McDonald's said yesterday that it had created almost 4,500 new jobs in Britain last year by opening 90 new

Shares tumble

The FT-SE 100 index closed down 61.1 points at 4057.4 in the wake of sharp falls on Wall Street, where dealers fear an interest rate rise. The Dow-Jones Industrial Average fell 101 points on New Year's Eve____Pages 23, 19

It's not the calories that count in the fight on flab

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT



The toughest part of post-Christmas dieting is preventing hard-lust pounds from creeping back on before summer. Scientists have discovered that people who swap chips for pasta, but allow themselves unlimited amounts, do better than those who try to restrict the

total quantity. The progress of a group of 43 overweight women who had lost almost two stone (27lb lloz) on average on a crash diet was followed over two

DIETS based on counting calories are years. The results showed that those colour-coded counters designed to carbohydrate had preserved three times as much of their initial weight loss at the end of the period as those who counted the calories and tried to restrict what they ate.

Half the group were given a 24-page booklet which advised them to spread butter or margarine thinly, use the frying pan sparingly and eat more bread, potato and pasta. They were allowed to eat as much as they liked provided that they stuck to low fat, high carbohydrate foods.

The rest of the women were given

who cut down on fat and are more allow them to calculate the calorie content of different foods. They were allowed up to 1,875 calories a day, but this was reduced if their weight started

After two years the low fat, high carbohydrate group were still more than a stone (171b 9oz) below their starting weight while the calorie counters were less than half a stone below it (51b 8oz).

The authors of the research, which was conducted in Denmark and published in the British Medical Journal say: "Our study shows that a low-fat,

high-carbohydrate diet consumed ad lib was superior to a more traditional

fixed-energy intake diet in maintaining weight and preventing relapse two years after a major weight loss." Professor Soren Toubro and his colleagues at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen say that the rise in obesity in the West — it has doubled in Britain between 1980 and 1991 despite a reduction in fat consumption — is attributable to the fall in physical

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Dorrell amazes his colleagues with call for rethink on EU

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

STEPHEN DORRELL revived speculation yesterday about the Conservative leadership and increased Cabinet pressure on Kenneth Clarke by calling for a renegotiation of Britain's relationship with the European Union.

In a move that astonished some of his Cabinet colleagues, the pro-European Health Secretary aligned him-self with Cabinet Eurosceptics as he proposed an overhaul of European institutions to prevent the EU drifting into a superstate.

It was also being made clear on Mr Dorrell's behalf that he favoured ruling out Britain's joining a single currency in the next Parliament. Mr Clarke is strongly opposed to such a decision, although debate is still raging in the Cabinet over the matter.

In a fresh development, The Times understands that William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary, has also made plain in Cabinet discussions that he would favour the Government taking a more sceptical line on monetary union, even if it officially retains the wait-and-see stance insisted on by the Chancellor and Michael Heseltine.

Although Mr Dorrell said that he was trying to broaden the European argument to give the Conservatives an election-winning stance, his intervention was branded by his opposition critics as a naked bid to win credibility with the Tory Right.

It was also seen in that light by some senior ministers and MPs. Several leading Eurosceptics suggested that Mr Dorrell was making his stand with the tacit support of the Prime Minister, who was trying to cajole Mr Clarke into a change of policy. But that appeared to be unlikely, given the inevitable outcome that his

remarks would be interpreted as positioning himself for a leadership battle this year if the Tories lose the election. Others, particularly supporters of John Redwood, questioned the strength of his conversion and accused him of

"posturing".

William Cash, a leading sceptic, said: "Giving the impression that he is dealing with fundamental questions without dealing with the single currency and the wait-andsee policy is going up a cul-de-sac. The issue is who governs Britain, and anyone who wants to be taken seriously has got to deal with that



Dorrell: conversion query

sit on the sidelines." A senior minister said: "How strange. We have been trying to keep Europe and the leadership question under wraps. He has managed to open them up again."

Mr Dorrell, however, appeared determined to ensure that his views got across and spent much of yesterday giving television and radio interviews. He said: "We need to change the direction of Europe from the direction it has been Continued on page 2, col 4

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By RUSSELL JENKINS

THE BBC discussed making a documentary-drama about Frederick West with the film company that bought rights to the mass killer's confessions through the Official Solicitor.

It emerged yesterday that pro-ducers at the BBC's Pebble Mill headquarters in Birmingham held preliminary discussions with the Portman Entertainment Group about making a serious drama that would delve into the mind of one of

Britain's most notorious killers John Hall. Portman's former chief executive, said that the company's development team had been exchanging ideas with opposite num-bers at the Pebble Mill drama department.

He indicated that the project was still actively under discussion when he left the company two weeks ago. One option was to produce a Screen One reconstruction, Last night the BBC agreed that it had been approached by Portman and that discussions were held but

insisted that a decision had been taken not to proceed. The BBC Mackay of Clashfern's decision to review the law governing the duties refused to say when the decision was made or at what level.

The Portman Entertainment Group, which paid £12,000 three weeks ago for the rights to confession tapes. memoirs and blue movie videos belonging to the serial killer, has shelved the project for the time being after a public

The involvement of the BBC drama department is likely to provoke fresh debate after Lord

of the Official Solicitor. It comes shortly after the BBC I reconstruc-tion of the events surrounding Sara Thornton's killing of her husband, Malcolm, in Killing Me Softly was heavily criticised as biased and politically motivated.

The BBC also came under fire from Jayne Zito over plans to film a drama surrounding her husband's death at the hands of a paranoid schizophrenic. A BBC spokesman at Pebble Mill said: "An idea based

suggested by Portman to the drama department, one of many hundreds they receive each year. They looked at it but decided not to develop the idea with them. There is no question of any BBC involvement in this production. The submission of the idea never reached pre-

development stage." The Portman Entertainment Group is a long-established independent film and TV production company. John Banks, the com-pany chairman, said: "A producacquire a considerable number of rights to material or stories during the course of a year, only a tiny number of which result in complet-

The process from option acquisition to completed production may take several years and the board of Portman has approved no such plans in the case of the West

"When and if the topic comes before the board of Portman for full consideration, the sensitivity of the

taken into account."

John Hall was the chief executive two months ago, when the company entered into the contract for an option on archive material relating to events at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester. He said it was always the company's intention, if it decided to make the film, to produce a serious docu-drama about a serial killer's mind. The

options came to him through a

literary agent. He said: "It was

never going to be a horror movie."

Health Secretary's departure from brief puts Tory leadership contenders under starters' orders

Dorrell leads the field in race to succeed Major

By Philip Webster and Arthur Leathley

THE spectacle of a Health Secretary calling for a re-drawing of Britain's relationship with the European Union was a stark reminder yesterday that the general election could just be the forerunner for a more Although all the contenders

biner battle later this year. will deny it, the Tory leader-

ship race is on. Stephen Dorrell's decision to stray well beyond his departmental brief to expound his views on Europe was portrayed by his opponents vesterday as a blatant bid for power. However, he is but one of a dozen Cabinet ministers who would be disappointed not to figure in any list of potential runners in the Tory stakes. Rightwingers proliferate, but there is as yet no hint as to who will emerge as the Right's favourite.

Mr Dorrell is one of the group of Cabinet ministers who for several months have been jostling for position. moving to the Right on central policies, particularly on Europe, and generally reminding their party that their claims

should not be forgotten. If the Conservatives lose the election outright, John Major would almost certainly resign the party leadership this year. A heavy defeat could provoke such turmoil within Tory ranks that Mr Major would go swiftly and let them fight it Hill

out this spring. However, should Mr Major and party elders prefer a more orderly transition, the rules state that the annual election should not take place until three months after the opening of Parlia-ment. That could preclude a leadership poll before the

Senior MPs believe that Mr Major may be prepared to delay his departure to prevent John Redwood from having a head-start over candidates he would prefer. As the man who resigned from the Cabinet to challenge Mr Major in 1995, Mr Redwood does not have to be too coy about his ultimate ambition. The campaign team that backed him then is ready

OTHER RUNNERS

Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, 9-2 fav. Kenneth Clarke. Chancellor of the Exchequer, 5-1. Michael Portillo. Defence Secretary, 5-1. William Hague, Welsh Sec-

John Redwood, former Weish Secretary, 7-1. Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, 10-1. Norman Lamont, form Chancellor of the Exchequer. 50-1 and slipping.

☐ Betting from William

to roll again. Like Michael Heseltine in the period between his resignation from Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet in 1986 and his challenge to her leadership in 1990. Mr Redwood has been using his extra time to build support

among party activists. Among the Cabinet leadership contenders, the heavyweights, Mr Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Portillo, long considered as inevitable runners, need do no more to sketch out their campaign pitches. Critics would say that Mr Portillo is now playing the lovalty card to draw a contrast with his rival, Mr Redwood.

The "justlers", have been shifting their stances to suit a post-election parliamentary electorate that will be more Euro-sceptical. This group would include Mr Dorrell; Michael Howard, the Home Secretary: Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary; Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary; and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary.

The "dark horses" who may be at the starting gate include Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, and thought by many to be Mr Major's favoured choice; William Hague, the young Welsh Secretary, and Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor.

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STEPHEN DORRELL Health Secretary

Campaign form has shifted a long way to the Right since working as an aide to Peter Walker, "wringing wet" Energy Secretary. Has endeared himself to rightwingers but dismayed allies on the Left by taking an increasingly robust line on Europe. Keen to raise profile within party by voicing opinions on issues beyond his health brief.

Strengths: youth seen as a useful weapon against Tony Blair. Sure-footed minister. ☐ Weaknesses: rightward shift seen by natural allies as going too far too swiftly. Accused of political opportunism and lacking charisma.

constituency campaigner. Several anti-crime measures have improved his rating in the party. Is attracting attention of Portillo and Redwood followers within right-wing 92 Group. ☐ Strengths: sharp legal mind and political guile have made him ferocious Commons performer and frontline campaigner against Labour. ☐ Weaknesses: poor voter appeal. Defeats in the courts

MICHAEL HOWARD

Campaign form: increas-

ingly fervent Euro-sceptic.

Shown by recent Tory records

to be the most active Cabinet

have prompted accusations of

on-the-hoof policy-making.

Home Secretary



MALCOLM RIFKIND Foreign Secretary

Campaign form man-oeuvred skilfully on Europe last year before securing current post amid clamour for a more Euro-sceptic Foreign Secretary. Sent out hard-line signals against single currenand a federal Europe before appointment but has been careful since to follow Foreign Office middle line. Has carefully maintained close contact with MPs from

both wings of the party. Strengths: highly intelligent, charismatic and effective campaigner. ☐ Weaknesses: past U-turns on devolution seen as evidence of inconsistency.



GILLIAN SHEPHARD Education and Employment Secretary

Age: 56

Cl Campaign form: seen previously as outside contender from the middle ground but has signalled rightwing credentials by taking a strong line in Cabinet in opposing moves towards a single cur-rency. A close friend of John Major but was prepared to defy him by backing rightwing calls for corporal punishment.

Strengths: credited with restoring some of party's severely damaged reputation on education. Voter-friendly. ☐ Weaknesses: post-Thatcher aversion among Tory MPs to electing a female leader.



MICHAEL FORSYTH Scottish Secretary

Campaign form: one-time right-wing radical has toned down his ferocity since joining Cabinet Has won admiration for his handling of the Dunblane tragedy and the BSE crisis in Scotland. Despite poor Tory poll record in against devolution and Labour's "tartan tax" has helped to arrest decline in

support. ☐ Strengths: energetic minister. Strong support among right-wing backbenchers.

□ Weaknesses: faces a massive battle to save his 706 majority in Stirling at the

Minister amazes colleagues with EU rethink call

Continued from page 1 going for the past few years. The set of

institutions that was designed for a Europe of six in 1958 are not going to be able to deal with the issues facing a Europe of 30 or more states." Mr Dorrell said that it was only by

focusing on the wider European issues rather than on the single currency question that the Tones could bring home their differences with Labour.

He said they should go into the election campaigning for a low-tax EU election campaigning for a low-tax EU

We need to negotiate with our
and against the moves towards a more
partners a relationship into the next regulated "social Europe" that were century which reflects the reality of the endorsed by Tony Blair. "It is more next century, that is to say, the need to relevant because both Labour and the win in a much more flexible and Conservatives have said we are not competitive global market place." going into a single currency without a referendum," he said. "The electorate are not being asked to decide the single currency issue at this election."

In a BBC Radio interview, he said:

been taking a more Euro-sceptic line in recent speeches and statements. "It is something that has happened over a

period of time. It is not a Damascene conversion," one said. However, it is known that Mr Dorrell has been a leading contributor to two recent Cabinet debates on the single currency in which Mr Clarke has been asked to come up with more information on The minister's aides said that he had how the Government would judge whether to go into monetary union.

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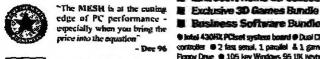
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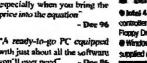


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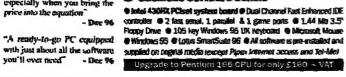


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IRA bomb 'was plan for mass murder'

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE IRA was accused yesterday of planning the mass murder of police officers and soldiers when it abandoned a 1,000 lb bomb in the grounds of Belfast Castle on New Year's Eve. The RUC put on display the home-made explosives and detonating cord, which were packed into two bins in the back of a van.

Superintendent Mike Brown, the RUC's local subdivisional commander, said: "I now have no doubt that the intention of the terrorists was to engage in what can only be described as the mass murder of police officers and perhaps soldiers assisting police. The intention was to lure police into the castle grounds for that

purpose."
The bomb, inside a white Renault van parked in a sweeping driveway, was ready to be detonated once RUC officers and back-up troops drove into the castle grounds but before the IRA could lure them into the area a civilian became suspicious. The lives of wedding guests, New Year's Eve revellers and people in neighbouring homes were also in danger, police said. The huge haul of homemade explosives had been inside two wheelie bins, connec-

the day before and fitted with faise number plates. Photograph, page 22

ted to a detonator and packed

Tories see election triumph in stars

By James Landale, political reporter taxed by Labour. Pisceans can

THE Tories will today brush aside the opinion pollsters and instead place their faith in the stars with the launch of a mailshot of horoscopes predicting how voters might suf-Members of the public will be able to look up their sign

of the zodiac in the so-called

"horror scopes" to see how their lives would be changed if Labour wins office. In constrast, a more optimistic horoscope emphasises how life would improve if the Tories win a fifth term. The gimmick marks the opening shots of the Tories' E7 million new year advertising campaign, which begins in earnest on Monday when a

new poster is unveiled across the country. According to the horoscope, thought up by the advertising company M&C Saatchi Taureans will be living "in the fastest economy in Europe". But if Tony Blair becomes Prime Minister, they should get rid of the company car because it will be more highly

existing budget will have to be shared between more Voters born under Virgo can either "win the lottery as income tax falls again" under the Conservatives or look forward to a minimum wage of at least £4 an hour, "unless your job is one of the millions lost because of this Labour

HORROR SCOPE

money than at present. If so, the Tories say, the amount of

have to be cut because the

sion a person receives will

Hume will not stand at election

John Hume, the leader of the expect better schools for their children because the Tories are putting £830 million into nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, yesterday education this year. But under made clear that he would Labour, they must "try not to stand down as an MP at the get any older this year as Labour reduce a single pergeneral election. Asked on Irish Radio whether he would son's pension by £20 a week". The cut is based on an confirm his candidacy for the Foyle seat, which he has held sumption by the Tories that since 1983, Mr Hume replied: Labour's plans for a flexible "No". Mr Hume, 59, added that he was "heavily burretirement age will mean more people stop work aged 60 instead of 65. Labour dened" with his work as a Euro MP and an MP at claims the scheme will not cost the taxpayer any more

CPS challenge

Belmarsh magistrates' decision to give bail to Michael Gallagher, 53, from Earls Court, southwest London, accused of being involved in the IRA attack at Heathrow in 1994, is to be challenged at the High Court today by the Crown Prosecution Service. -

Nut bar warning People with nut allergies were last night warned to check for wrongly wrapped chocolate bars containing almonds. Cadbury's admitted that about 3,000 bars containing fruit and nuts were sent out in Dairy Milk wrappers after an error at one of its factories.

Bible recovered

A 1632 Bible has been found four years after it was stolen from Edinburgh University-A dealer in Central Scotland

Major puts family on poll agenda

The mailshot predicting doom under Labour

By Philip Webster POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR is to put the defence of the family and traditional British institutions at the heart of his appeal for a fifth Conservative term of office.

In an introduction to a book to be published next week, the Prime Minister gives what he calls a "heartheat of my own personal instincts", and warns of the dangers of giving power to Labour politicians, "who have spent their lives denigrating our values, ideals, and achievements". He writes: "Both the

family and our nation are essential to the provide the individual citizen. They provide the familiarity, the sense of belonging, the emotional and physical support that everyone needs to face the hopes and the tribulations of life with confidence postimize and resolutions. confidence, optimism, and resolution."

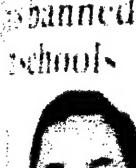
. He says that the institutions he wants to protect are not only the monarchy; Parliament, judiciary, Armed Forces and police, but the parish council, churches, local lootball and cricket teams, schools, hospitals, charities, and pubs.

Our Nation's Future is a collection of the Prime Minister's recent speeches, in others."

which he has set out the background on which the next Conservative manifesto will be based. The Prime Minister hits. out in the introduction at the "modern so-called thinkers" who claim that the country would be better off if the institutions could be swept away.

The essential purpose of Conservatism was to conserve what was good and tried, and to reform where it was essential, he writes. "But it must also be a society that has little tolerance for those who abuse natural generosity to the unfortunate in order to live off the results of the toil of

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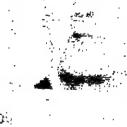








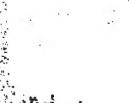


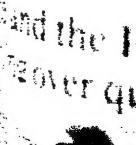
















Ancient boundaries may be replanted after ruling

Victory for 'hedgerow hero or thorough nuisance'

BY PAUL WILKINGON

BRITAIN'S most successful amateur litigant yesterday soured a landmark court victory that could lead to the replanting of ancient hedge

The decision was a personal triumph — and an 81st consec utive victory — for the publicry Enclosure Act, he brought the action after the parish council in his home village of Flamborough East Yorkshire voted to pull up a 33-yard hawthorn hedge in work for a

new bowling green.

At Hull County Court,
Judge Cracknell made a declaration requiring the parish council to maintain for ever the hedge, which will protect wild flowers and nesting. birds. He said: "It is a singularly indistinguishable hedge. It is very badly maintained, unkernot and straggly, but it does have one claim to same it is an Enclosure hedge, dating back to the latter part of the 18th century. The Act and law are still good and the parish

council is still bound by it.

Mr Seymour, 63, said: "I'm
absolutely delighted. The
judge gave the most comprehensive judgment which we could not have wished for in our wildest dreams. Other people throughout the country may be able to use the judg-ment in their own actions to



dgerow." Environmen-

tal campaigners claim that will have to be replanted

Peter Bowler, campaigns officer for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, which supported the. pase, said: "We believe the judgment is retrospertive, and judgment is retrispective, and could lead to many thousands of lost hedgerows having to be replanted. Between 1946 and 1974, \$.000 miles were grubbed out each year in the name of agricultural effici-eacy. The trust believes the

ancient hedging elsewhere in England and Wales, con-trolled by around 4500 Acts similar to the 1765 Flamborough Enclosure Act. Peter Geldard, of the Country Landowners Association.

said the court decision would

there are about 40,000 miles of

Colin Seymour yesterday: 81st consecutive victory have to be examined extremely carefully: "Enclosure awards made at various stages during various centuries did differ, so I think it is very difficult to tell at this point whether this particular test case will have the result of protecting all

> Judge Cracknell himself added a word of caution: "It would be wrong to read too much into this case in terms of hedges generally. There are over 4,000 enclosure Acts, and whether a provision is binding has to be judged in each individual case. Mr Seymour has a particular reputation for establishing himself in this

area of law. He may be a hero

hedges in enclosure awards.

We do accept that there is a

need to protect the most im-portant hedges."

no doubt he is a thorough

His opinion was echoed by Trevor Pearson, a Flambor ough councillor. He said: "I would like to clearly state that the parish council is and always has been conservationalist. Nearly 80 per cent of the hedge is dead. The proposed howling green was to be built on allotments used for years as a rubbish tip and eyesore.

If Mr. Seymour had been living in the village for more than 30 years, and was not just a relative newcomer, he would know that it would not have an entrance to its school. library or village hall if we had not removed other

from South Yorkshire, where he successfully lought court battles against British Coal, Yorkshire Electricity, British Rail and British Waterways. He lives on £40 weekly invalidity benefit and estimates he spent £3,000 of his savings on

His celebrated career began 20 years ago when, on social security, he fought the National Coal Board over plans for open-cast mining round his house in Methley. York-shire. More recently he chal-lenged Humberside County Council and had a local bridleway opened.

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The new improved Superman has extra powers

After 60 years, man of steel changes pants

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IT'S NOT a bird. It's not a 1930s while both were in plane. And it does not look like the old familiar Superman. After six decades in the same red, yellow and blue togs, the comic book superhero is getting a change of costume and some new powers to go with it.

From March, the musclebound crusader from the planet Krypton will don body-hugging tights in elec-tric blue and dump his trusty cape. His new trademark will be a jagged "S" embla-zoned on his chest like a bolt of lightning. Mike Carlin, Editor of DC Comics, said: "He still wears an 'S' on his chest but it's not the one we're used to."

The revamped Superman will enjoy new "energy-based" powers. Instead of flying, he will "zap" from place to place like a streak of electricity, although sources say he will have trouble landing at first. Bullets will no longer bounce off him, but will pass straight through or get trapped in his "energy matrix".

His alter ego, Clark Kent, will pay a price, however. In future, the four-eyed Kent, a reporter for the Daily Planet, will suffer from such distinctly human ailments as head colds and torn muscles. Superman was created by the artist Joe Shuster and the

writer Jerry Siegel in the

their teens. He made his first comic-book appearance in June 1938, and has survived many a plot twist since.

He was killed off in 1992, but was revived nine months later. Last autumn saw the publication of Superman: The Wedding Album, after his marriage in the series haps, as a result of a fulfilled emotional life. Superman seemed to lose his touch. His owers "dwindled away after his marriage to Lois Lane, Mr Carlin explained. "He tried different ways of boosting his energies and things have combined to



Dunblane threat man is banned from schools:

A FORMER soldier who told a prison chaplate be planned to "do a Dumblanc" was banned from schools in southeast London yesterday, the day before his release from pair.

Greenwich council won an David Jennings, 50, forbid ding him from entering or trying to enter schools and council buildings, owner

or council employees.

Jennings, from Eliham, a
twice-married father of ten children, has previous convictions for possessing a firearm in public and assaulting coun-

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cil officials He made the finear to a chaplain at Highpoint prison. Suffolk, last summer after becoming angry at Greenwich council's treatment of his

eral, the council's solicions were originally granted a High Court hearing next Monday, the day before Jennings's release from Swaleside prison, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, after serving 30 months for assault. However on New Year's Eve Greenwich learnt he was to be released today, because of time served in



nimes: never meant to carry out threat oustedy while on remand. The granted an emergency hearing. After studying detailed maps of the area Mr Justice Butterfield granted the interim order pending a full hearing a Monday.

ing on Monday. Rosie Brocklehurst, a council's treatment of his children in care immediately after learning of the remark the authority alerted all head that the injunction banned teachers and parents, circular femings from going within ed his picture and began a 250 yards of some schools and review of security at schools. Backed by Sir Nicholas he made threats and used the lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, the council's solicitors were originally granted a High Court hearing next Monday, the day before Jennines's release from Swaleside threat and wanted to return

threat and wanted to return home. Although Jessings ac-cepted the temporary injunc-tion he would contest the full. hearing because of the "oner-ous" 250-yard exclusion zone, Mr Bancroft said.

Chaplain loses jail job for swearing'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A PRISON chaplain has lost his job after complaints about alleged smoking and swear-ing. Staff said that Father Paul prison and Low Newton re-

appropriate.
Senior officials at the two establishments decided that the Roman Catholic chaplain should not be given a full-time job when his six-month probation period expired. He was living in accommodation pro-vided by the Prison Service until last week.

He is expected to meet the Catholic bishop of Leeds, the Right Rev David Konstant, to discuss his next appointment. Jack Dodd, spokesman for Bishop Konstant, said he had not spoken to Fr Brook but added. "The idea that smoking and swearing constitutes a culture shock to the immates and staff of Durham prison makes one raise one's eye-

A Prison Service spokesman said: "It is an internal staffing matter." Pr Brook was previously employed by the RAF chaplainty service and before that at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bradford, He is currently on sick leave, but has lodged an appeal through the Prison Officers' Association. He is understood to be claiming that his contract has not been renewed because he

brows a little."

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Prince and the P-Ts opt for skiing over queueing

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Prince of Wales delayed the start of his day's skiing in Switzerland yesterday when he refused to jump the queue for a cable car.

The Prince who is on holiday with his younger son Prince Harry and three female companions, was at the back of a queue of 200 people at the foot of the Gotschna mountain in Klosters. Before striding off insearch of another mountain with a smaller queue, he told an aide: "I'm sorry. I'm not oing to queue jump with ail going to queen these people here."

Also with the Prince are Tiggy Legge-Bourke, 30, his personal assistant, and the Palmer-Tompkinson sisters. Tara, 25, and Santa, 27. The girls are daughters of the Prince's old friends Charles and Patti Palmer-Tompkinson. The couple, who are known as the P-Ts, were in the royal party when an ava-lanche killed Major Hugh Lindsay in 1988

Santa, who organises pub-licity for society jeweller Theo-Fennell, is named after a



Santa, left, and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson

bumper Senta barley crop which her father produced on the family farm in Dummer, Hampshire, in the year of her birth. As a concession to his half-Argentinian wife, the father agreed to a minor amendment to "Santa" -

Spanish for saint: Her younger sister, who-writes on society matters for The Sunday Times; has long been friendly with Prince William and Prince Harry. While she is a celebrated London party goer. Tiggy Legge Bourke prefers the invigorating air of Highgrove, the Prince's Glouces tershire esta

Mrs P-T. 54, was seriously injured in the Klosters avalanche. She underwent seven operations to put 40 steel screws and six metal plates in her legs which were broken in the accident. Her husband, Charlie, 55, is a former Olympic skier whose own father was killed near Klosters. The Prince is stayings at the Walserhof Hotel, less than 100 yards from the P-Ty

Mosters chalet.

Clash of weather systems rules out thaw by weekend

MOST of Britain faces a freezing weekend as the battle between two weather systems draws swaths of bitterly cold air from Siberia.

As London Weather Centre said that there was no sign of a thaw, the dispute over coldweather payments intensified with increased calls for the wind-chill factor to be taken

The clash between the high pressure north of Scotland and the low that dominates southern England has seen normal weather patterns turned upside down. Much of southern, eastern and central England was in the grip of sub-zero temperatures, but the Outer Hebrides basked in 6C (43F) yesterday.

An overnight temperature of -12C (10F) was recorded at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire. During the day, the coldest location was Hastings. East eter struggled up to -3C (27F).

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Kent remained the worst hit of the English counties. Dover coastguards had to be rescued by emergency teams after becoming trapped in their control centre by 10ft snow drifts, blown in from nearby fields. They were flown to safety after being dug out.

Gritting lorries ensured all roads in the county were passable, but many could be negotiated only with extreme caution. Many minor roads were impassable in Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire after fresh snow falls.

The Thames was frozen over at Marlow, Buckinghamshire, for the first time since World War Two, In London, 150 water mains burst, covering busy roads with ice.

Thousands of people decided to extend the new year break and stay at home. Motoring organisations dealt with thousands of calls from stranded motorists, but the

roads were much quieter than expected because commuters stayed at home or went back to work by public transport.

London Weather Centre said that the bad weather was not yet in retreat. "We are not expecting a big thaw in the next few days. If anything, things are going to get colder with snow flurries working their way to the south coast and inland to Oxfordshire and Warwickshire," a spokeswom-

The dispute over the system of cold weather payments intensified as Labour pressed the Government to recalculate the payouts by taking account of the wind-chill factor, rather than simply the ground temperature.

Andrew Mitchell, Social Security Minister, said that the department was studying the feasibility of incorporating this extra data from the Meteorological Office.

Audrey Wise, Labour MP



Sub-zero temperatures allowed a traditional skating race across the fens at Welney, Cambridgeshire, to go ahead for the first time in ten years

for Preston, is already seeking to introduce a backbench Bill to incorporate the wind-chill factor. At present the weekly payment of £8.50 to help the the less-well-off with heating bills is paid if the average ground temperature is at freezing point or less for seven consecutive days between

November and April. Mr Mitchell said on television that the Met Office was

considering the wind-chill factor as part of a review of the system. "The Met Office made clear it would be very difficult. After all, wind chill affects human beings not buildings and if you applied that to this scheme you could easily have different buildings in different parts of the street treated very differently. You would then

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incorporate it in future if we believe it could be easily done."

Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary. said Labour would use money from its proposed windfall tax on the privatised utilities to fund an army of young workers to insulate the homes of

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It's just a chill compared with big freeze of '63

BITTER though it may be, the present cold snap is as nothing to the great winter of 1963, when the blood of the nation virtually troze in its

Then, as now, high pres-sure over Greenland, Iceland and Scandinavia conspired with low pressure over the Mediterranean to scourge Britain with easterly winds. Day after day brought blizzards; the worst of the weather lasted at least 42 days, and snowmen built on Boxing Day were still recognisable in

It was the last time, until this week, that the Thames had frozen over, now at Pangbourne, Berkshire, and then at Runnymede. Frost fairs on the frozen river in central London became a thing of the past in 1831 when the old London Bridge was demolished, freeing a strong current that has kept the river liquid ever since.

The winter of early 1963 sticks in the memory both for its duration and for its temperatures, far lower than anyweek. The lowest British temperature recorded over the current Christmas period was -13C at Almaharra, Highland; in 1963 Braemar, Grampian, recorded a low of -22C, not far from the all-time British low of -Z?C recorded at the same village in 1895 and 1982. Nor has London been as cold as 34 years ago: yesterday the London Weather Centre clocked a new low for the current spell of -3.7C; in 1963,

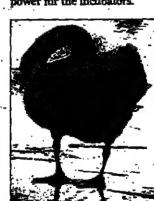
a low of -6C was recorded. The winter of 1963 was memorable for its endless

winds. The village of Hucking, Kent, was cut off for days by 18ft drifts. But those who lived through the freeze remember it best - or worst - for its power cuts and severe fuel shortages, especially in the south of England.

with trains frozen in their sidings unable to deliver coal. oil or paraffin. On January 26, 1963, the National Grid failed for the first time in its 35-year history, plunging almost the whole of southern England into darkness and cold for more than six hours.

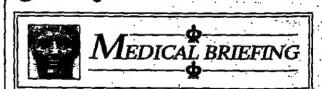
Engineers blamed treezing fog on the insulators of the overhead power lines. To compound the misery, the electrical power workers' unions threatened industrial

action over a pay claim. But the British, supposedly inept at dealing with severe weather, displayed true resourcefulness in the face of power cuts. Premature babies at a hospital in Derby had their lives saved when staff commandeered an ice-cream van and used its refrigerator motor to provide emergency



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blizzards and huge drifts A swan on the frozen whipped up by gale-force Cold enough to give you the blues



pothermia in the elderly, and: the effects of severe cold on those caught unprepared in . the open — make the head-lines, but few people experi-ence them first-hand.

However, the wind-chill factor affects everyone's skin, and it can cause comparatively mi-nor problems. Chilblains most often affect the old and young, and women seem to be more at risk from them than men. Even though other places have a colder climate than Britain. chilblains are more common here than anywhere else apparently because of a Brit-ish disdain for adequate precautions against the weather.

Chilblains are the result of the narrowing of the blood vessels leading to the skin, so that it is deprived of oxygen. Gloves which are both warm and loose fitting, such as sheepskin ones, trap warm air and serve as good protection. Tight clothing exacerbates matters by further restricting the blood supply to the skin. Women who wear tight jeans sometimes develop chilblains across the tops of their thighs.

The body has remarkable adaptability. Women who regularly wear short skirts and coats grow a thick layer of fat beneath their legs and thighs to compensate for this exposure to the elements. This as permiosis.

The influence of the cold on the blood vessels alters the complexion; the change can

THE serious medical consequences of cold weather - hythe lasting dilatation of the small blood vessels in the

cheeks of country people. One particularly undesirable result can be the severe mottling of the legs developed by women who do not wear trousers as they sit crouched in front of a blazing fire. The combination of chilling and direct heat can produce an unsightly condition known as livedo reticularis, the same mottling that can affect the lower abdomen of those who

hug hot water bottles.

Men's clothing is better suited for a cold snap but chilling produces a dry skin, both on the face and lips. In cold weather, men are particularly likely to suffer from persistently itchy, dry skin in the lower third of the legs, the area covered by their socks. This condition, known as ichthyosis, is probably as much the result of efforts to keep warm, as the direct effect of cold. It is claimed that ichthyosis of the leg. more prevalent in older men. is made worse if the car heater is directed downwards, and like all dry skin, if the sufferer

has too many hot baths. Men are rejuctant to use moisturising creams for their faces, but emollients do help and should be applied after the bath. If the niching is particularly severe, a weak hydrocommon condition is known cortisone cream may help.

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Scientists confirm hair of the dog does cure hangovers

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

tists have proved it is true a morning after tipple does stop

A small dose of alcohol taken the morning after a night of drinking can head off a hangover by blocking the metabolism of the substances in drink that cause the

symptoms. Research has shown that it is not the alcohol in the drink that triggers hangovers but substances called congeners. These are complex organic molecules, such as methanol

The main culprit is thought to be methanol, a large quanti-ty of which is present in red wine. The body metabolises it to form formaldehyde and formic acid, which have been linked to the typical hangover. symptoms of headache, nansea and fatigue.

A small quantity of ethanol, the type of alcohol found in drinks, blocks the formation of

cording to Dr. Ian Calder of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London. Dr Calder says half a glass of sherry or wine is sufficient to stave off a hang-over, although the type of drink is immaterial so long as

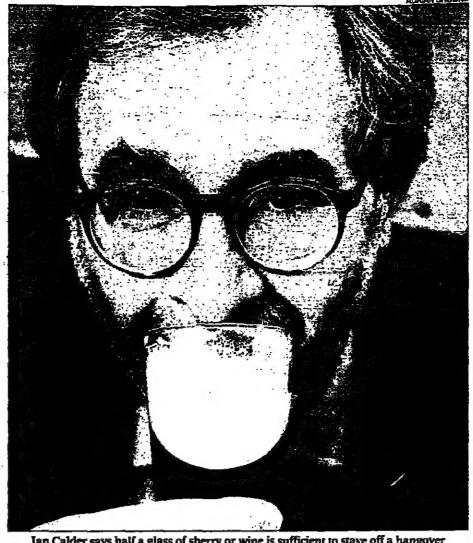
it contains a small quantity of-"Most top hotels have hang-over cures often made to secret recipes. But they are all based disguised so it doesn't mrn the stomach," Dr Calder, a con-sultant anaesthetist, says.

However, drinking to stave off a hangover is not without hazards. An American expert, called Dr Earlywine, speculat-ed in the Journal of Addictive Behaviour in 1993 that fear of hangovers could explain why some people become alcoholics they carry on drinking to avoid the unpleasant symptoms.
Writing in the British Medi-

DRINKERS have sworn by it formaldebyte and formic cut Journal. Dr Calder says for centuries but now scien—acid, providing an effective that the personality of the lists have proved it is true a treatment for françovers. ac drinker and the type of drink are more significant than the quantity of alcohol drunk. tween a quarter and a half of drinkers claim not to suffer hangovers. The symptoms are worst in people who become angry or depressed while drinking, feel guilty, have a neurotic personality or have suffered distressing events in the past 12 months. Dr Calder, a wine and male

whisky lover, does his best to avoid hangovers by combining drinking with eating and swallowing two ibuprofen or paracetarnol with plenty of water before bed. "A completely effective treat ment is arguably undesirable

since the fear of hangover prompts most people to moderate their ethanol intake," Dr Calder says. "Even moderate amounts of ethanol can be damaging so a penalty for



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Ian Calder says half a glass of sherry or wine is sufficient to stave off a hangover

Pollution suspected as study shows big fall in male fertility

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

MEN'S sperm production has from 18.9 grams in 1981 to 17.8 halved in a decade, according to a study that will heighten fears that male fertility is falling dramatically.

Scientists, unable to find any link with alcohol, smoking or drugs, are blaming poisons in the environment. A recent theory says chemical effluents in the environent could mimic the female hormone pestrogen. For the first time, evidence has been found that men's testicles are becoming significantly lighter. Scientists studied post-mortem examinations of 528 men aged 35 to 69 who died in Finland between 1981 and 1991.

During that decade, the proportion of men who had the normal biological processes leading to sperm produc-tion fell from 56.4 per cent to 26.9 per cent. There was a significant increase in men in whom no mature sperm cells were seen.

Men with a complete loss of such cells rose from 8 per cent to 20 per cent and those with a reduced number of cells rose from 31.4 per cent to 48.5 per cent. Testicles fell in weight

grams in 1991. Researchers from Helsinki University, led by Dr Jarkko Pajarinen, spoke to relatives to check for lifestyle details such as drinking.

In today's British Medical Journal, they report: "Declining spermatogenesis was not explained by different exposure to drugs or the incidence of smoking or alcohol consumption, and thus more research is clearly needed."
Toxins in the environment have become the most likely

In 1992, research showed that sperm counts fell by almost 50 per cent in half a century, from 113 million per millilitre of semen in 1940 to 66 million in 1990.

French scientists reported a 2 per cent decline in sperm counts of Parisian donors between 1973 and 1992. The sperm's swimming ability had declined. A British study showed men born in the 1970s produced 25 per cent fewer sperm than those born in the 950s. At an annual decline of 2 per cent, men born 60 years from now could be infertile.

No miracle cures, slimmers are told

By LIN JENKINS

THOSE hoping to recover the weighing of food could be their pre-Christmas shape too rigid for some people. could shed more pounds in Slimming Magazine Clubs cash than weight, a consumer; group has said. As the multimillion pound slimming in-dustry hones its new year sales pitch, slimmers have been cautioned that there are no miracle cures.

The Consumers Association magazine Which? found many claims about weight loss to be misleading. Slimming clubs performed well but the researchers said that: anyone could set one up without any formal qualifica-tion or knowledge of the subject. The five leading nat-ional clubs, however, all found a degree of favour, although the psychologist and dietitians assessing them said slimmers should choose care

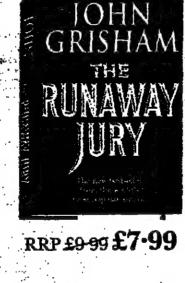
to their needs. Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Clubs (£3.75 a 12-hour raised for being the only one offering exercise, but it meant there was less time to deal with other aspects of dieting

Slimmers Chub UK (£3.50 for 12 hours; fee £6.50] had a well-balanced diet plan but (£2.90 for 1'2 hours, fee £6) demand a weight loss of at least 5lb a week and offer 17 diets but may prove disheart-

ening to the very overweight.
The magazine found that
Slimming World (£2.90 for 2
hours fee £6.95) focused on the psychological effects of being overweight but the idea were fruit or vegetables, left the researchers uneasy.
At Weight Watchers (£3.95

for I hour, fee £9) the regime could help to develop healthy lifestyle changes but calorie-counting could deflect a slimmer from thinking about food and exercise in terms of.

The range of meal replactions of food and drink, made zine says. "It is hard to see





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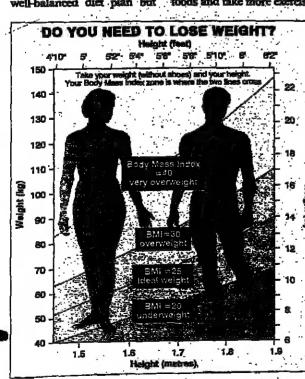


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Small packages are best, tour poll says

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

HOLIDAYMAKERS who marketing director, said: "The choose small, independent survey is full of holes. It is tour operators are more likely to be satisfied than those who choose the travel giants, according to the consumers' magazine Holiday Which?

in response to the question Would you recommend this company to a friend?", the readers' poll put Swiss Travel Service top, followed by French specialists VFB Holidays, the Travel Club of

Upminster, Sunvil, Simply Travel, Cunard, Eurocamp and Virgin Holidays. All are likely to see repeat customers. says the magazine, while First Choice, Unijet and Sunworld were likely to be one-off wonders". Inspirations was last after a series of flight

delays in the summer. The findings were attacked leading tour operators. Carrick, Airtours'

comparing apples with pears by judging mass market travel companies taking millions of people away against niche specialists providing expen-sive, highly restricted pro-grammes for a few hundred

people."
Nigel Jenkins, marketing director of Unijet, said:
"People would not be buying package holidays in their mil-lions if they were not happy

magazine, denied that there was any real difference between the views of her readers and those of the general public. She said: "We check our findings against other surveys and, if anything, our members complain less about standards than the general

When Churchill championed the use of poison gas

WINSTON CHURCHILL continued, gas would have was a robust champion of the use of poison gas in warfare and could not understand the squeamishness" of those who objected to it, newly released documents showed yesterday.

At the end of the First World War, when Churchill was Secretary of State for War, the British Government was considering the future use of gas. and Churchill expressed the view that to jib at the use of gas, while accepting high ex-plosives. was "sheer affectation".

A memo from the air staff dated May 22, 1919, disclosed: "Chemical warfare cannot now be ruled out of war.

been almost our most formidable weapon. One shell in every four that left our lines would have been a gas shell and tanks would have been using it freely."

The memo made it clear that the air staff did not anticipate great suffering or permanent physical injury resulting from the use of gas but said: "At the critical moment of the battle large bodies of troops would have been rendered remporarily incapable of further fighting and would have fallen into our hands as

The staff memorandum

tarian grounds there should be far stronger arguments for the abolition of high explo-sives. "a far more terrible weapon" which took lives, shattered bones, destroyed nerves and produced madness.

The "lachrymatory gas" re-ferred to by Churchill was mustard gas, which had been used on a large scale by the Germans in the First World War. Like phosgene, also used in the war, it disabled troops by causing temporary blindness without usually killing them, though repeated exposure could cause skin blistering and lung damage, as well as permanent blindness.

abstained from the use of gas other adversaries might not be so conscientious. The very existence of gas as a weapon, they argued, would add more weight to the consideration nations gave "before subjecting their disputes to the arbipresident of the Air Council, roundly backed in a memo dated May 12, 1919. "I do not understand the squeamishness about the use of gas," he wrote. "It is sheer affectation to lacerate a man with the poisonous fragment of a bursting shell and to boggle at

making his eyes water by

using poisonous gas against uncivilised tribes."

Churchill being cheered by men of The Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1941, 22 years after he had urged the use of gas. His gas mask is by his side

Indeed, Britain did go on to research and practise the use of gas in circumstances such as Churchill envisaged when Kurds were bombed in the mid-1920s by British forces using gas. Among those tak-

I am strongly in favour of Arthur Bomber Harris, who was later to head Bomber Command in the Second World War.

Churchill wrote that the use of gas "could spread a lively terror" among uncivilised peoples, who would not understand the force unleashed against them without any

In March 1920 a Cabine minute declared that the en ployment of gas in warfar ought never to have beemployed and we should it joice to see it stooped, noting that some civilian departments regarded it "dishonourable". The air staif.





LLoyd George: hopes

AN UNPUBLISHED letter from David Lloyd George shows that the former Liberal Prime Minister was bitterly opposed to the abdication of

The letter, written on December 11. 1936, immediately after the Abdication, also demonstrated his enduring contempt for Stanley Baldwin, who was then the Conservative incumbent at Downing Street. Writing from holiday in Jamaica to his son. Gwilym, the 73-year-old Lloyd George described the uncrowned

really democratic King has been driven from his Throne by the Tories and the help of the Labour Party." Edward, he said, was: "A great

man hounded from the throne by that arch-humbug Baldwin." He was also scathing of Clement Attlee, who was to become Labour Prime Minister. The letter adds: "Attlee and his soft-headed junta have been flattered into playing the Tory game. The real tragedy of democracy is that its cause has somehow or other been entrusted to fools. The Tories now have just the

king who abdicated for love of Wallis sort of King [George VI] which suits Simpson in fond terms, saying: "A them. He will not pry into inconvereally democratic King has been nient questions: he will always sign on the dotted line without asking any

Lloyd George regretted that Win-ston Churchill had been forced to stand up "alone and unsupported in the synagogue of the Pharisces".

The letter has been acquired by the

National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, from Viscount Tenby, Lloyd George's grandson. John Graham Jones, assistant archivist in charge of the Welsh political archive, says there were good reasons for LLoyd

said: "Ever since Edward's investiture as Prince of Wales at Caernarion Castle in 1911, Lloyd George had looked upon the young prince as an honorary Welshman. He regarded him as a champion of the underdog who could introduce a touch of democracy to the throne.*

Edward's accession in January 1936 was generally welcomed by Lloyd George and, while he was fully aware of the king's intimate relationship with Mrs Simpson, he let it be known that he was prepared to act as his champion against Baldwin.

November 1936, Lloyd George left London to spend some time in Jamaica. Within three weeks, the abdication crisis accelerated. The problem became known to the general public on December 2 and was raised in Parliament the following

Baldwin refused a debate in the Commons and bullied the near hysterical Edward into signing the abdication papers while Lloyd George was out of the way." Lloyd George died in 1945, the year in which he became an earl.



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Eamonn absent from TV sofa after tabloid attack

THE huliabaloo at GMT between Anthea "Princess Tippy Toes" Turner and Earnonn "Mr Genial" Holmes is in the rich tradition that presenters of breakfast sofa shows create splashier

news than their guests. Yesterday morning, those television viewers who can imagine no more refreshing way to start the day than to witch on GMTV and see Eamonn Holmes staring back at them over their Weetabix

were left unrefreshed. Why? Because Eamonn mysterionsly failed to show up. Why? Nobody's telling. Maybe he was in a huff after being called in on New Year's Day by his bosses to explain why he had told a Sunday newspaper that he found his former co-star.

Anthea Turner, "unbearable". Holmes also claimed that his co-star acted like "Princess Tippy Toes" off-screen and that he gave bosses an ultima-tum that he would leave the show if she stayed.

In fact Turner did leave the show just before Christmas. but GMTV emphasises that the former National Lottery presenter was not squeezed out, and that the decision to leave had been hers alone. But all this was just the

latest slice of rumpus that has dogged breakfast television since its launch in 1983 and

Jonathan Aitken, she was beginning a television tradition. Joe Joseph reports the days when Anna Ford. short-lived TV-am newsread-

When Anna Ford poured wine over

er, threw her white wine over Jonathan Aitken, the new MD: An upcoming star, Roland Rat, rapidly spawned a. debate over whether television had hit rock bottom. Since then Chris Evans has

used The Big Breakfast to make his reputation as the man who could put the irk inquirky, while Paula Yates found an excuse to talk to celebrities in bed and get paid for it. Gaby Roslin made a big enough success of her morning TV role that she promptly launched her own chat show that promptly sank. Then, of course, there was Ulrika Jonsson, who on a slow news day can single-handedly fill the pages of a tabloid news-

paper with lavishly illustrated gossip about her love life. So where was Holmes at 7am? We don't know, said a GMTV spokeswoman at first. Matt Lorenzo and Lorraine Kelly were sitting on the sofa instead. They did not mention Eamonn's absence.

The station later announced that Holmes bad

Before the break: Anthea Turner and Eamonn Holmes

apologised to GMTV over his remarks about Turner but it would still not say why he was missing from yesterday's show. Christopher Stoddart. managing director. Eamonn Holmes has apologised to GTMTV if anything he has said in the past has given rise to the article which appeared in a Sunday newspaper on 29 December, 1996. As far as GMTV and Eamonn

are concerned that is the end of the matter." The friction between Holmes and Turner has been sizzling for some time. Last March Holmes joked off-air that if he ever had trouble sleeping. "I just watch one of Anthea's videos". Turner reportedly snapped: "I've had enough of this," and tearfully

threatened to quit Holmes has denied giving the newspaper interview but said the story was "an easy one to write". He has not denied the quotes attributed to him in the article but said: "I can only say that my relationship with Anthea Turner has been very cordial

over the last few months." Then, within hours, and helped by the magic of television, Holmes and Turner actually appeared on the same programme, though never on screen together. when they fulfilled a longstanding engagement to co-present ITV's coverage of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge snooker competition at Birmingham's Interna-

tional Convention Centre. As Holmes recorded television links for broadcast later in the day, he pretended to hand over to Turner who was not even in the building at the time. Every inch the professional, he smiled as he told the camera: "Thank you Anthea." But will there be more after the break?

Parish claims victory in the second battle of Stamford

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RENEWED conflict has bro-ken out over a battle fought on Yorkshire soil 930 years ago. The Battle of Stamford Bridge was won in 1066 by King Haroldm, who defeated his brother Tostig and Hardrada of Norway. Now the Inland Revenue wants more than £1.000 from villagers who erected a memorial commem-

orating the event.

The new conflict is over the VAT on the commemorative stone, which cost £12,000 to creet in the village, eight miles east of York. "We just can't pay so we asked for help from the local authority," said parish council chairman Vic Naylor. "It would have left us with just £193 in the kitty ... hardly enough to pay for any

East Riding Council re-fused to pay the bill, saying the residents should have made

contingency plans for it.

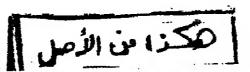
Peace talks produced a tentative truce but the battle resumed when the parish councillors learned that the East Yorkshire authority would settle the demand without delay - but then charge the parish council 3 percent interest on the two-year loan

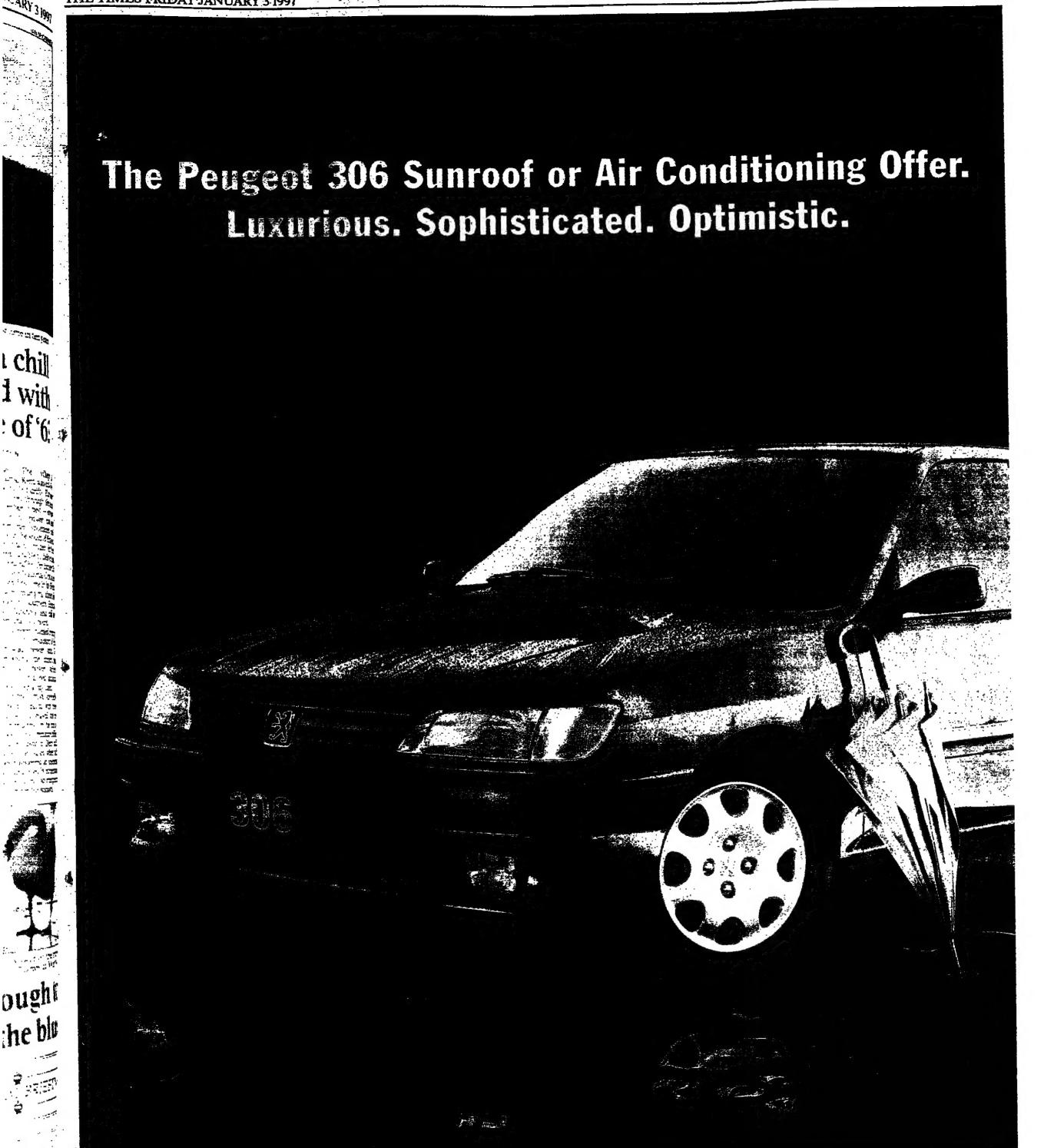
"That wasn't on," said Mr Naylor, "because we knew, in the time we have discussed

having a memorial, sufficient sums had been set aside to satisfy everyone, including the taxman. The VAT has to be paid before we can claim !! back but this can only be done after our books have been audited and all that procedur takes a long time; probably u

to two years." The parish council, which originally believed that as American visitor was going t pay for the memorial, claime victory yesterday. A spoke man for East Riding said We have paid up. The adde interest was only included i case we didn't get money bac







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Monopolies watchdog plans curb

Electrical giants deny colluding on price of goods

ELECTRICAL manufacturers denied price fixing yesterday after a report that the Monopulies and Mergers Commission was set to recommend better protection, for

Under new proposals, the makers of domestic electrical goods could be banned from using recommended retail prices to control the prices in shops. A report in the Economist says that the commission has discovered a "complex monopoly" in the sale of electrical goods including televisions, video recorders, dishwashers and refrig-

The watchdog body has been investigating pricing in the domestic electrical appliance market for the past two years and is due to report to lan Lang, the Trade Secretary. in April.

Electrical goods manufac-turers deny the existence of price fixing, which is illegal. But consumers remain perplexed by the similarity of prices for many goods in shops from John O'Groats to Lands End.

A spokesman for Sony said yesterday that price fixing was against the law but he conceded that the whole area was a sensitive issue" because of the said: "Prices are among the lowest in Europe. "Over the past ten years,

while the prices of all consumer durables and services have gone up by over 43 per cent, the average price of audiovisual products has decreased by 23 per cent."

A spokesman for Dixons

denied allegations of price fixing and said that similarity of prices was due to the extremely competitive nature of the market.

"If you find the same TV in different shops at about the same price, then that is an example of exactly how competitive our market is. Every-



Carsberg: report led

one is looking at their competitors to see if they can undercut pound," he said.

"We certainly refute any allegations of price fixing but we would want to reserve any future comments until after the MMC report is pub-

A spokesman for Comet said the company could not comment until the MMC report was published but pointed out that its customers were offered refunds if they found an article on sale locally at a

The MMC was asked to investigate in the wake of a report by the Office of Fair Trading, which found there was a prima facie case of price fixing in the market.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Director General of Fair Trading, said at the time: "Our some manufacturers accounting for well over 25 per cent of the supply have been engaging in practices designed to sustain retail price levels.

These include refusing to supply to retailers who sold the goods below the manufacturers' recommended retail price and outlets such as discount warehouse clubs," he



The Queen waits to cross a road while out riding with a groom at Sandringham yesterday. Wearing her usual beige riding mac and hood, the Queen and her companion spent 45 minutes riding over snow-covered fields

Labour to fund computer lessons for all teachers

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

computer skills under a Labour government, David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, will announce tomorrow. Labour's plans for a technology revolution will depend on all teachers being familiar with the Internet, Mr Blunkett will tell a conference of educationists in Sheffield.

million scheme to give existing teachers computer lessons. To escape the party curb on preelection spending promises, Mr Blunkett will say all the money will come from lottery cash currently allocated to the Millennium Fund:

The speech will detail how the party will make good promises by Tony Blair to create a national grid of computing expertise by developing the use of the Internet in schools. Labour plans to work with BT to ensure every school has access to a source of worldwide information.

However, Mr Blunkett will tell the North of England Education Conference tomorrow that far too few teachers are in touch with the computer age. He also believes that the five days a year set aside for teacher training in schools could be better spent on new technology.

Less than a third of teachers have so far taken even a basic computer course. Labour's analysis of school inspectors' reports reveals that three schools in ten fail to provide

now available. Non-steroidal

NEW teachers will be re- the full curriculum in inforquired to pass examinations in mation technology, either for lack of equipment or a shortage of computer-literate staff.
Mr Blunkett will say: Too many of those in teacher

training, those teaching teachers, lack basic confidence in using technology." Research by the Department for Education and Employment has disclosed that half of primary school teachers and seven out of ten secondary teachers do

not use a computer regularly. Mr Blunkett will add: "The number of computers in the home and the level of coverage possible through BT and cable in Britain places this country in a unique position to expand our lead in IT for the economic prosperity of the future and the creation of jobs in the global economy. We need to equip our educators to play their part at the cutting edge of that world of tomorrow."

One fifth of lottery profits, expected to top £1.6 billion by the end of 2000, goes to the Millennium Commission and the different political parties are devising their own ways of using the money from 2001. Labour estimates its plan to train teachers in computing would cost £30 million a year for three to five years.

Schools may also be required to put on after-school classes to train children who show special promise in com-

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Call for action on rheumatoid arthritis

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

PATIENTS are being crippled by rheumatoid arthritis because their general practitioners fail to refer them for early specialist treatment, an expert said yesterday.

Research has shown that the best way to overcome the disease and to reduce disability is to attack it aggressively to Elaine Hay, consultant rheumatologist at the Hay-wood and Stanfield Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent. Dr Hay, of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, said that only a few years ago, doctors would treat rheumatoid arthritis conservatively at first. Aggressive

"Most specialists now know that attacking the disease in its very early stages is cru-cial, she said, and patients thought to have rheumatoid arthritis should be seen quick-ly by a rheumatologist. She praised the treatment

when it persisted

drugs. She highlighted other types of therapy. Including physiotherapy, occupational therapy and education from nurse specialists. The best opportunity for overcoming the disease was to use these during its early stages.

□ Drugs & Arthritis leaflet from Arthritis & Rheumalism Council (PO Box 177, Chester-field, Derbyshire \$41 7TQ; enclose SAE)

anti-inflammatory drugs re-duce inflammation of the sm-conscious local authorities are spending more money joint as well as pain. "Second line" drugs, including antion them. The Tidy Britain Group said yesterday that a malarials, penicillamine, gold and sulphasalazine, atsurvey of the 100 top resorts showed 91 beaches reached tack the activity of arthritis by acceptable standards and that more than 40 were very clean. reducing pain, swelling and . The group said local authorstiffness and slowing the rate Dr Hay was opening Arth-ritis Education Week, which E3.5 million a year on cleaning

beaches and the results were starting to show. Sandbanks in Poole, Dorset, and San-down on the Isle of Wight were marked at over 90 per cent. The cleanest resorts and aims to alert patients and GPs about treatments and to. offer information about the benefits and side-effects of the beaches were in the South West and East Anglia, while most of those below standard were in the North West, Scotland and Wales.

The group singled out six beaches as the most improved: Cromer in Norfolk. East Looe in Cornwall, Paignton in Devon, Scarborough South, Sheringham in Norfolk, and Rhyl, North Wales.

Villagers' whip-round keeps post office open

BY TIM JONES

RESIDENTS of a small Welsh-speaking community have clubbed together to buy the post office and shop, ten years after buying the pub.

The people of Lithfaen.

Caernarionshire and Merion-

ethshire, were determined to prevent their village losing its focal point. Ten years ago they paid £40,000 for the pub, called The Victoria, and now they have helped to keep the

shop open. Most of the cost, £19,500, was met by the local council and a European Union grant but the residents needed to raise a further £6,000 to buy the shop from the owner who is retiring.
John Jones, chairman of the

community committee, said: We went around every house and came back with £500 more than we needed. The post office and the pub are essential to the life of the village. There are no other

"We were not prepared to stand by and let the heart and soul be ripped out of our communutty. No one else was going to help us so we decided to buy them ourselves,"

Llithfaen had a population of 600 but that halved when nearby granite quarries were closed. The primary school was shut because of the population decline but the locals turned it into a community

centre and youth club. The shop has been leased to Ffion Medi Llywelyn, 24, who lives in the village with her husband, Dillon. She said: There is a wonderful community spirit here."

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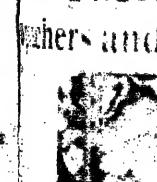


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Captain of Cabot replica sails into storm over 'sexism'

Samantha Brewster, sex

A TOP yachisman is being accised of switch by second Britain's lepting female managers, after he says that women were not strong enough to take part in a wayage remains John Cahort. Is the part of the care of t Cabor's 15th-century discovery of

David Alan-Williams, a member of the crew of a New Zealand catamaran that holds the Jules Verme record for circumnavigating the world in 74 days, said a handful of women had applied for a place on board the 115 million replies of the hree-masted ship Matthew but none had matched the tough require-ments. The women had the enthusiasm and skill but they could not

Intrepid amateur sailors have been invited to join an attempt to go around the world in less than 90 days in a powerboat. Honefuls will pay £30,000 each for a part in the record effort, led by Jock Wishart, a polar explorer and holder of the round-Britain powerboat record. The trip will start from Gibraltar after construction of a 98ft vessel capable of 4,000 zailes between fuel stops. More information on 01703 665064.

tought voyage in a tiny vessel and uires physical strength."

Samantha Brewster, 29, the first roman to sail single-handed around the world from east to west against prevailing winds, said yesterday: "I am totally lost for words. On a crew it is about teamwork rather than brute strength. This is just an excuse being sexist. Sex doesn't come o it. It is totally outrageous." She

attitude to take. I am absolutely astonished by it. This is not going to look good and they are going to get a Lisa Clayton, who circum-

navigated the globe single-handed in 1995, said the decision was sad. "I don't agree with it," she said. "It is a real shame that no women are going. It seems so old-fashioned and a bit sad. I would have thought on a 20strong crew there would be room for

both sexes. The strongest sailors are not always the best."

A spokeswoman for the Royal Yachting Association said: "Our policy is that yachting is an equal opportunity sport. With the current technology it is fitness rather than strength that matters but obviously this is an old boat. They should have told women not to apply if that was the case but obviously they couldn't cause that would be sexist."

David Redfern, for the Manhew project, vesterday defended Mr Alan-Williams, who will captain the replica boat, and denied the selection was serist. He said: "Five other crew members still have to be selected. So far, despite having several ladies on trial for the position, no ladies have been suitable. This is not a policy

just the way it has so far turned out." The Manhew will leave Bristol on May 2 to retrace the discovery of Newfoundland in 1497 by John Cabox, the Genoese-born Venetian navigator who was based in Bristol and claimed North America for England.

The modern crew will, like their counterparts of 500 years ago, have to face severe conditions including icebergs and gales in the North Atlantic.

The Matthew is expected to arrive Bonavista, Newfoundland, on June 24 to launch a programme of celebrations. One place in the crew is being kept open in the hope of finding a candidate from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Duke is patron of the Matthew project.

Canberra prepares to take final bow

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 500 passengers have paid up to £34,000 each for the final 92-day round-the-world journey of Canberra, the cruise liner that began life ferrying British emigrants to Australia on £10 assisted

The 44.100-ionne ship -

known as the Great White Whale - has been in service for 36 years during which she has made 22 round-the-world cruises and carried almost a million passengers. She was also called into service during the Falklands War. Tough new salety regulations mean that she would have had to undergo extensive refurbishment at a cost that P&O considered

too prohibitive and which may not have been technically possible. The liner leaves Southampton on Monday bound for Singapore, Hong Kong, Darwin, Brisbane and San Francisco. The final voyage - a 20night Mediterranean

September. Her future is uncertain and P&O is awaiting offers for the vessel, which was huilt in Belfast in 1960 at a cost of £17 million. A total of 3,400 passengers will be on board for at least part of her cruise, with one passenger making the complete trip for the eighth

consecutive year. The cost of the roundthe-world trip ranges from £5,595 to £33,995. In command for the final voyage will be Captain Rory Smith, who has been appointed the first captain of Arcadai, P&Os new super-liner, which joins the fleet in December next year as a replacement for Canberra.

Royal yacht decision 'may be too late for millennium'

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

BRITAIN's leading yacht designers yesterday condemned the Government's failure to make a decision on the future of the royal yacht Britannia. As a display of designs for a replacement vessel went on display at the London International Boat Show at Earls Court, they said that unless a decision was made imminent. ly a new ship would not be ready in time for the millenni-

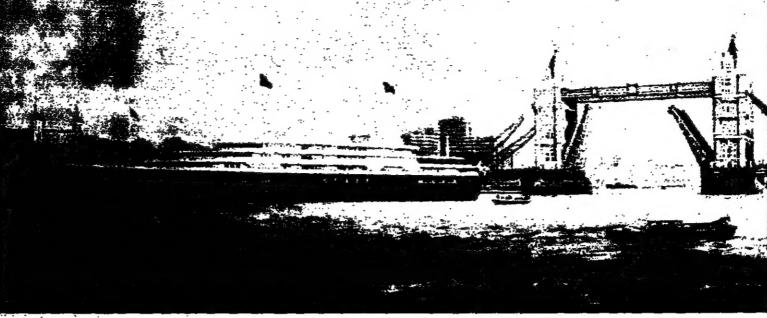
um celebrations. HMY Britannia will make her final voyage later this year when she sails to Hong Kong to collect the last Governor, Chris Patten. It is believed that a Cabinet committee set up to discuss the issue of a new ship. has not met for nine months.

"No one is getting a decision: from this Government and several dates when a decision was supposed to have been

of the Royal Yacht Consortium, which backs a scheme for a new vessel. He believes there is a misplaced fear in government circles that commissioning a new yacht would be seen by the public as an munetessary extravagance and cost votes.

"A lot of people might skink that the election has some thing to do with the failure to make a decision. But a recent newspaper poll showed that 83 per cent of the population wanted the yacht relained or a new one boin. If the Government has the guts to say get on with it they could have a

A new yacht would have a central role to play in the said. It is so important to have a ready. Britain must have its national identity given have gone past, said Sir had divide and there is no Donald Gosling, co-chairman better way to do that than with



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Thames view: this artist's impression from Terence Disdale Designs is among proposals on show at the London International Boat Show

a royal yacht. It would also be a big attraction moored at

The consortium argues that a number of the plans were for yachts that would cover their own cost, because they would be more efficient than the 44year-old Britannia and would be used to promote trade. Britannia is said to have helped to secure more than £2 billion of trade for Britain during the past 10 years.

Among the proposed new ships are the Royal Sail Training Ship, which would train include a modern interpretation of the current yacht, a combined royal yacht and cruise ship, and a royal exhibition ship that could be used for royal and commercial purposes. The schemes have been estimated to cost £70-

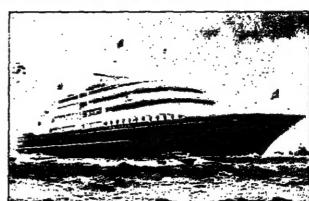
Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barciays Bank which is also supporting the initiative, said Government was undoubtedly concerned about the sums involved. But he added: "We are not trying to promote a royal yacht that is extravagant. We are trying to promote

£100 million.

a royal yacht that will promote

"During its last voyage, the royal yacht will be promoting British trade in seven different locations. In each, we will get a premier audience which you would not get otherwise. If it was just a floating trade palace we would not get the same audience, people like the cachet of the royal yacht."

He added that he was confident the yacht could be financed under the Government's Private Finance Initiative, which shares the burden with private companies.



Sea view: design by GEC Marine/Winch Projects

Vanishing tiger falls prey to poachers and profiteers

THE helicopter dipped low over the ravaged forests of the Bikin Valley in the former Soviet Union as the hunters: who had paid handsomely for the trip leant from the open door, telescopic rifles in hand, scouring the snows for a Siberian tiger

Their airborne safari is illegal but the authorities in this remote region bordering China are virtually powerless to stop local mails who organise such hunting trips and then sell the skins and the tiger bones themselves often for more money than they can make from drug smuggling. The gummen seek only the

pleasure of the kill but the mafia trade in the burgeoning. market for powdered tiger bone and the animal's penis, sought as a traditional Chinese cure or aphrodisiac. The

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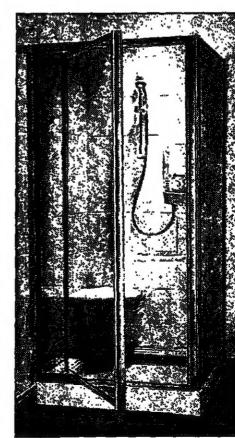
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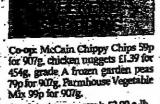
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Marseilles club run by Tapie 'used £11m for fixing matches'

IN PARIS

OLYMPIQUE Marseilles, France's former football than Fri01 million (£11.3 million) on rigging matches and transfers under the presidency of Bernard Tapie, the bankrupt businessman and former Socialist minister. Le Mande said yesterday.

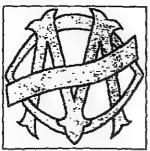
The corruption was said to have happened between 1987 and 1993 when the money was spent to fix matches by bribing players and referees and to ure star players to the team. The latest revelations in the

prolonged Tapie saga came from a 205-page report by the Marseilles magistrate, Pierre

He has been investigating the club's accounts for four

Olympique Marscilles had misused important sums in order to reduce, or even suppress, the hazards which invariably exist in a football match." said Le Monde yesterday, quoting from the weighty report in which the word corruption features

frequently.
"All the means possible, including the most illegal. were used" under M Tapie's presidency, the report



Fictitious loans, false invoices to offshore companies and inflated payments to agents were the preferred methods, according to the French daily.

As a result of M Philipon's report, 20 people will now appear in court, including M Tapie and most of the former directors of Olymique Marseilles who were involved in the club during the period in

M Tapie, a parliamentary deputy who in the 1980s served briefly as minister in a Socialist Cabinet, is already under investigation for fraud over the affair. He is also awaiting the result of an appeal against two-year iail sentence handed to him in May for his part in a match-rigging case in

M Tapie, who took over the

a launchoad for other ventures and to attract politicians and business people. He undoubtedly invigorat-

ed Olympique Marseilles, which under his presidency dominated French and European soccer, winning the French championship five times in a row and the European title in 1993 when the club beat AC Milan 1-0.

The buccaneering entrepre-neur rode on the club's success to become a national hero before dragging the team down with him into scandal and corruption.

The son of a plumber who became rich through a series of hard-nosed, asset-stripping deals in the 1980s, M Tapie was France's symbol of a selfmade man in a society where it is extremely difficult to rise above the limitations of tradition and education. According to Le Monde, M.

Philipon's report suggests that M Tapie's actions during his Marseilles were motivated by his personal ambitions to become Mayor of Marseilles. M Taple, who denies any

knowledge of corruption in the affair, has frequently raged against the right-wing establishment, the machinations of the press and the dark forces behind French football.



Soccer, wrote Jean Giraudoux, the great playwright of the 1930s. "is not so much the king of sports as it is the king

"All the great games men have played involve a ball. For a ball is one of the few things

M Tapie may reflect that the rules now appear to have caught up with him.

☐ Bakers' victory: Bakers are savouring a victory over supermarkets under a new law protecting their baguettes from cut-price rivals in a

French appetite for bread. Up to 5.000 shops selling bread in France will have to take down Bakery" signs under the laws in force from New Year's Day. the latest in a long series to safeguard artisans and village corner shops from the ravages

SPOSHEST B&B plays host to party fat cats From Ian Brodie in Washington En the Democratic Parbiggest donors or igers visit Washington, ourite place to stay is our Seasons or the u. but the White

investigations into the Democrais' campaign finances disclose that President and Mrs Clinton have often invited six-figure contributors to spend the night in the Lincoln Bedroom or the Queens' Bedroom on the same floor as the First Family's private quarters.

However, a spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee said yesterday that there was no set price to qualify for a White House stay for those who give hundreds of thousands of dollars to the party. Amy Weiss Tobe said: "We do not promise a night at the White House in exchange for donations. It is up to the White House who gets invited." Even so, the five-star treatment has come to be seen as an inducement and a reward for so many bigmoney donors that the White House has earned the nick-name of the "Fat Cat Hotel".

Among those enjoying the overnight hospitality were Truman Arnold a Texas banker, and Ron Burkle, a California grocery shop magnate, both of whom donated \$100,000 (£60,600) and raised variously included invitations to a state dinner, a round of golf with the President or a trip on Air Force One.

Hollywood has been well represented among the bedand-breakfast guests. They include Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, the producer David Geffen. Tom Hanks, Chevy Chase and Richard Dreyfuss, all perennial Clinton fundraisers. Mr Dreyfuss said that the President woke him at 7.20am for a chat about politics. The actor also conlessed that before checking out, he telephoned his children, just to brag that he was calling from the Lincoln Bedroon

That is where President Lincoln signed the proclama-tion ending slavery. The Queens' Bedroom was named by the Kennedys after the many royals who slept there, including the Queen.

Not all guests fill coffers. Occupants of the Lincoin Bedroom have also included the Clintons' former cook from Arkansas, a theology student and his wife, the President's pastor and other

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Gingrich likely to receive only mild reprimand

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A WELL-TIMED leak from his televised lecture course on Capitol Hill yesterday indicated that Newt Gingrich has every chance of keeping his iob as House Speaker

Sources said two Democrats and two Republicans who investigated his breach of commend only a reprimand. This is a mild punishment that would not bar him from running for re-election to the Speaker's chair, unlike the

harsher penalty of censure. Mr Gingrich's defence team was said to have negotiated the reprimand recommendation as part of a plea bargain before Christmas. in exchange, he admitted that he had violated the rules of the House of Representatives in connection with the funding of



Gingrich: good chance of remaining Speaker

The four investigators, members of a subcommittee. have yet to report to the full ethics committee, but there is virtually no chance that their reprimand recommendation this means that Mr Gingrich could only be defeated in next Tuesday's vote for Speaker by defections from his own party.

Although there have been waverers, they seem likely to fall into line if they are assured that the subcommittee, having heard all the evidence, regards a reprimand as sufficient punishment.

Earlier, the two Republicans on the subcommittee had thrown Mr Gingrich a lifeline by promising they would still vote for him as Speaker and vowing to block any attempt to censure him. Democrats who had been hoping to capitalise on the Gingrich saga were furious that details of the reprimand had leaked out.

With some justification they declared angrily that it was unprecedented for ethics sub-committee decisions to be signalled. They said that they were unaware of any evaluations being made public before the full ethics committee had met. They complained about an infusion of politics in what should be a non-political peer review by the ethics

Bombay takes aim at great expectorations

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

BOMBAY, which has confused everybody by changing its name to Mumbai, is further stepping out of line by banning one of the two must ubiquitous of male habits in India: spitting. The other is public urination; that may be attended to later. Expectoration is begun

young: boys barely old enough to walk can be heard practising guttural sounds, which are regarded as macho. Spitting knows no class barriers and is as commonplace among urban dwellers as in villages, where everybody does it.

It is wise to stay out of range of any man chewing paan. a pungent substance made from betel leaves, a twist of lime, perhaps a powdering of tobacco and a sprinkling of spices. This turns saliva blood red, giving the impression that the man has been punched in the mouth or been

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to the dentist. Bombay, the name almost everybody continues to use except international airlines. whose staff continually have to reassure passengers that they are not on the wrong aircraft - has decided it is time for the habit to be curbed. India's commercial capital is the country's most sophisticated city, as well as its richest and spitting is at odds with the international image it has of itself.

The move represents an important cultural shift and it will take intense police activity to enforce it. But Bombay council seems determined to do so, both for aesthetic reasons and because of the spread of drug-resistant

In Delhi, spitting among office workers is so common that often there are spittoons outside lifts and on the stairs. The capital is trying to reduce smoking in public places and keeps threatening to intro-duce prohibition, leaving little time to ponder a spitting ban. It is also trying to deal with public urination by building more urinals.

The Indian spitting culture probably originates from the yogic belief in releasing anything nasty from the body as quickly as possible.

Bombay: Cinemas in India's film capital shut their doors, calling an indefinite strike that could cripple one of the world's largest movie industries. The strike at 1,300 cinemas was over the decision by the state government of Maharashtra to double the tax on cinema tickets. (AP)





hos Hebron pact runs into new trouble on security clauses

FROM ROSS DUMPS IN SERVICE AT A MINISTER, WHO BELL THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT

THE Israeli-Palestinian talks about the future of Hebron ran into trouble yesterday, despite 2 new urgency to complete an accord after Wednesday's rifle attack in the West Bank town.

There are obstacles at the heart of the agreement. Yassir Abed Rabbo, the Pales tinian Information Minister, said. He added that the problems could be resolved with the help of Dennis Ross, the United States special envoy to the Middle East. Until then. no meeting was possible be-tween Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the Pales tinian Authority President.

Completion of the accord-was being delayed as the two sides wrangled over Palestinan demands on three issues;

O a timetable for further laraeli redeployments across the

☐ a Palestinian presence at the Tomb of the Patriarchs. burial place of Abraham and Sarah, holy to Muslims and

a restriction on the height of Jewish as well as Palestin-ian buildings in Hebron for security reasons,

"Not everything has been resolved," said Yizhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence

Mahmound Abbas, the Rides - member of the same army unian negotiator. There is administration unit as Priedagreement on a large majority of clauses, but there are still one or two that will have to be discussed by Namayaka and

Palestinian and Israeli lead ers emphasised the need to complete a deal quickly after a right-wing Israeli soldier opened fare on a crowded open-air market in Helson. wounding six Palestinians.
Police officers investigating the shooting by Noam Friedman, 22, said that they had detained a second soldier.

New sepulchre dome unveiled

115ft dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchie, mark-ing where Jesus is believed to have been buried, has been unveiled, after the mart, who designed the dome's decorations. "I'v who control the building

pecing Palesinians Jibri was charged with passive

Maale Achammina, a Jewish settlement outside Jerusalem. had been serving in a non-combat unit. He formerly attended, a religious school and apparently had flirted with the idea of joining euremist sewish groups.

Friedman told a court hearing yesteribly that he had no regress, about the shooting and agreed that he went to Helping to Kill Arabs and torpedo line pence process". The police lound 200 rounds. of arranumation at his home. As inquiry is under way to find out why Friedman, who

had a history of psychological problems, was allowed to serve in the army.

[] Basigiaore President Weizman of Israel said yesterday at the end of a visit to this southern indian city that he hoped Iraq would make neace with the Arab world and that Israel was ready to forge ties with Beghdad. (AFP)



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Noam Friedman, 22, in a police car outside the court in Petah Tiqwa, near Tel Aviv, to which he was taken yesterday for a preliminary hearing into the Flebron shooting

Fifteen killed as terrorist blast rocks Damascus

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

AT LEAST 15 people were last April and May. Turkey killed and 50 injured when a bomb exploded without warning at a crowded bus station in the Syrian capital Damascus on Tuesday, residents and diplomats said yesterday.

Details were slow in emerging because the Syrian au-thorities initially ordered the state-run media not to report the rare terrorist attack, which diplomats suspected was the responsibility of the country's external enemies. Syria last night acknowledged the bombing, but said that nine people had been killed, and blamed it on Israeli agents.

President Assad, who has ruled Syria for 26 years, has faced virtually no internal challenge since erushing a Muslim fundamentalist revolt in the central city of Hama in 1982.

The large bomb apparently was placed in a bag in the luggage compartment of a bus at the al-intilak centre, the main taxi and bus stop in the capital. It exploded as the bus left for the northern city of Aleppo, causing panic, roads were choked with motorists trying to flee.

was a huge explosion," said a Domascus resident whose block of flats nearly a mile away was shaken, "Damascus is in a state of shock." Some observers drew links

to mysterious bomb attacks

was blamed then, but denied involvement. Tuesday's attack was different in that it was designed to cause maximum casualties and most diplomats discounted any Turkish involvement

The bombing follows a series of recent attacks on Syrian interests in Lebanon, where right-wing Christians vehemently oppose the control exercised by Damascus over the Lebanese Government. In one incident, a bus carrying Syrian workers was attacked and the driver died, Lebanese officials claim the Christian hardliners are supported by Israel which they say wants to destabilise their country to retaliate against

Syria. With Syrian-Israeli peace talks deadlocked, the two countries have been trading bellicose rhetorie in recen

Israel blames Syria, which has 30,000 troops in Lebanon, for giving free rein to pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas to attack Israeli forces occupying a self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon. l-lamas and other radical Palestinian groups also have offices in Damascus, although Western diplomats say Syria keeps them on a tight leash for fear of upset-

Envoys link Libya executions to failed coup PORTABLE CD HI-FF - SAVE £40 FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

SIX senior officers and two civilians were executed for spying in Tripoli yesterday after Libya's top military court on Wednesday rejected their appeals. According to state run television, the officers were shot and the civilians hanged. In confirming the death penalty, the court alleged that the eight had used equipment supplied by the CIA.

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The television report amounted to a rare public admission of opposition within the military to the 27-year rule of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, whose regime is also threatened by militant Islamic fundamentalists.

Western diplomats in Tripoli suspect ine sentences were not related to espionage but to a serious coup attempt in October 1993 that has never been publicly charge, "a European envoy said. "The fact our families as they were sleeping."

FROM REWIER IN DUSAL

Asian countries.

acknowledged by Colonel Gaddafi. The attempt was led by officers from the powerful Warfalla tribe, which had considerable influence in the regime and the officer corps in Beni Walid, a garrison town that Colonel Gaddafi visited last summer for an apparently unsuccessful reconciliation with Warfalla leaders.

Other Libya experts speculate that the alleged spies may have been involved in two recent assassination attempts against the Libyan leader, the last in December. when a grenade hidden inside a pomeanate was lobbed at Colonel Gaddafi.

e escaped unhurt. "We're always hearing reports of secret executions, but what is interesting here is that the Libyans have gone public about it, clearly as a deterrent to frighten people generally, and the it to show that Gaddafi is still firmly in implies he's not as firmly in charge as he's

trying to make out," the envoy added. Television showed the alleged spies sitting in a large cage inside a courtroom with their heads shaved. After their sentences were confirmed, an unidentified official read a statement to the men. You mobilised yourselves as spies against your country and allowed the enemies to get hold of military, economic and security capabilities by using sophisticated equipment supplied by the CIA," he said.

In an apparent reference to the American air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi in 1986, the official added: "Have you forgotten, or are you just playing down what those who recruited you as spies children, torn our bodies apart, raided



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Church attack on Milosevic bolsters Serb protesters

THE Serbian Orthodox Church yesterday made an ident Milosevic, accusing him of trying to set Serb against Serb in order to stay in power as protesters again thronged the city's main square.

The church, which had supported the nationalist wars unleashed by Mr Milosevic in neighbouring Croatia and Bosnia, accused him of strangling political and religious freedoms.

its statement is seen as particularly important because the church is one of the few organisations to which most Serbs give at least nominal allegiance and it could therefore become a rallying force for protests.

After an emergency session, church leaders said: "[Mr Milosevici has already placed us against the whole world, and now he wants to set us against each other and trigger bloodshed just to preserve

They also accused him of "bringing the country and the nation to complete collapse. and making people beggars", adding: "The Serbian Orthodox Church strongly con-demns such policies of this regime." The statement was read out to protesters gathered in Republic Square.

However, despite widespread international coverage

of the protests, state-run television failed to give viewers even a glimpse of the scene. A crowd of unprecedented size turned out in a gesture of solidarity with opposition

Yesterday was the 44th consecutive day of a protest echoed in more than 40 towns against the President's overturning of opposition victories in November's municipal election. Mr Milosevic's flagrant violation of democracy has been sportighted by the critical report on the elections by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe."

The urban middle-classes make up the bulk of the protesters. The main focus of their campaign is the composi-

'Communist' law rejected

Bratislava: President Ko-vac of Slovakia has refused to sign an anti-subversion law that horrows heavily from legislation of the communist era and which has been criticised as anti-democratic by the European Union and America, his spokesman said yesterday. The law sets out punishneus for auti-government demonstrations and other

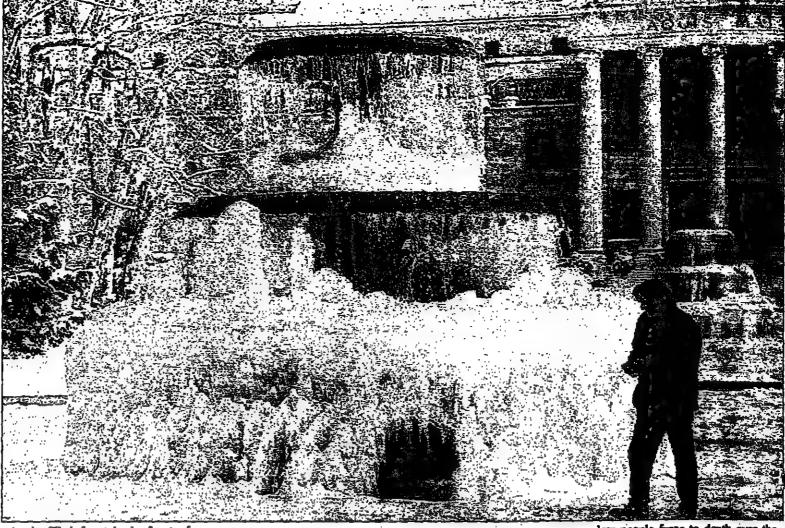
tion of eight of Belgrade's 16

We are not asking for much really, just the smallest democratic token from the President," said Emir Kustarica, the award-winning film director who is among the numerous cultural and artistic personalities to have come out in support of the protest.

The ruling Socialist coalition has evidently been shaken by both the strength and stamina of the protest. The reaction of the authorities has been confused and inconsistent. This has been evident in the reopening of the main independent radio station within 48 hours of its closure last month, and an approach by the police that varies from attacking demonstrators to containment,

Outside urban centres the rural majority, who have no access to any media other than that controlled by the state, remain loyal to Mr Milosevic. Although the ambivalence of the underpald Serb Army may concern him, he has so far retained the loyalty of Serbia's 80.000 police force. Their strength in numbers and equipment would prove more than adequate to crush the protest if they were unleashed on the demonstrators.

Misha Glenny, page 18



An ice-filled fountain in front of Wiesbaden Spa in Germany yester-day indicates the ferocity of the cold

snap gripping Europe (Our Foreign Staff writes). The weather claimed more victims during the day, covering French main roads with deadly ice and freezing the boses of firefighters battling a fatal fire in Germany. It was the tenth day of subfreezing temperatures, blamed for the deaths of more than 150 people from Spain to Russia, many of them homeless or

Big freeze death toll hits 150

the German state of Saarland were hampered by ice-clogged hoses as they fought a house blaze that killed seven people early yesterday. Temperatures of -16C (3F) froze the hoses and clogged firefighters' face masks with ice, police said. Two children were among the dead. A man holding his nine-month-old baby jumped in panic from the fourth

Eastern Europe was plunged into the deepest and deadliest freeze. In Poland, about 30 people have frozen to death — mostly homeless or elderly poor people who could not afford proper heating. Temperatures there rose slightly yesterday to 20C (AF) after reaching 37C (34F) last week. In Hungary, four home-

less people froze to death over new year holiday, state radio said. Freighter traffic was halted in much of eastern France after key canals were sealed with four inches of ice. High-speed trains between Paris and Marseilles were delayed up to an hour by ice on the tracks.

In California, melting snow and pelting rain swelled rivers through the wine country in the north of the state, huming vineyards into muddy brown lakes, as storms continued to

New blow for Bhutto as father-in-law is arrested



Asif Ali Zardari being refused bail vesterday

PAKISTAN police have arrested Hakim Ali Zardari. father-in-law of Benazir Bhutto, the deposed Prime Minister, on fraud and tax-evasion charges as the interim Government intensifies its crackdown on corrupt politicians.

Mr Zardari's son, Asif Ali Zardari, who was Investment Minister in his wife's Cabinet, has been under arrest since Miss Bhutto's dismissal from office. A court in Karachi yesterday extended his custody until Saturday at the re-

police officer who has been uestioning him about the alleged murder of Miss Bhutto's estranged brother, Murtaza, in September.

Hakim Zadari, 70, a former MP and chairman of the national assembly's standing committee on finance, was detained by the Federal Investigation Agency after midnight at his home in Karachi's fashionable seaside Clifton district. Senior officials alleged that Mr Zardari has been involved in a multimillion-pound land scandal, defrauding banks, and tax

evasion. According to his family, more than 50 plaintlothes officers surrounded his house and took him to the investigation agency headquarters for interrogation.

Mr Zardari, who is a member of Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, is a candidate for a national assembly seat his home town. Nawabshah, in the southern province of Sindh. If found guilty, he may face disqualification under the new election rules that her candidates who have defaulted on bank loans and have been involved corruption.

acquired huge loans from state-controlled banks and then had them written off by his daughter-in-law's Government. Using his political in-fluence, he is said to have acquired land on which to build a hotel in Rawalpindi, but sold it illegally later at a large premium. He is said not to have repaid loans acquired

A landlord and a business-man, Mr Zardari allegedly

from the National Development Financial Corporation. Mr Zardari mostly fives in his London flat. The interim Government is also investigating his overseas property

holdings. The arrest of her father in law just four weeks before the parliamentary election is due is yet another political setback for Miss Bhutto, who is fighting hard for her political survival.

The former Prime Minister, whose Government was dismissed on November 5 on corruption charges, has accused President Leghari of persecuting her family to keep her out of power. She has threatened to boycott the polls if the interim Government does not stop harassing her supporters. The election is

Liberation front gives gnomes a wild time

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

AT LEAST 30 small creatures. less than a foot tall, extremely kitsch in appearance, sporting a cheerful expression, a white beard and in some cases a pointed red cap, have ap-peared recently in woods around Alengon, a sleepy town in Normandy famous for its lace-making. Now a French newspaper

has revealed that these strange apparitions can be attributed to the FLNI, the due to be held on February 3. French initials of the Garden which is working to give garden gnomes back their liberty, to free them from a miserable life of solitude and to return them to their natural

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Portillo promises Britain will fight global aggressors

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

BRITAIN is ready to commit deep concern for our fellow. Nato, there were about 35 its armed forces to supporting man and with a sense of price countries equipped with up-topeace and fighting aggression anywhere in the world, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said in Port Stanley

yesterday.
The Government was committed to defending the Falkland Islands and maintaining their security indefinitely, he added. There is no caveat, exception or time limit to that

He said in a speech that Britzin still had a global role it took its responsibilities seriously and was ready to "match words with action" because it is a civilised nation. Royal. Navy ships carried the image of Britain to the world's ports as well as "the unspokes message that Britain is conerned about security wherev-

er it might be threatened.

Mr Portillo's pledge was an elaboration of the justification. he gave the Commons in the autumn of Britain's readines to send an intervention force to Zaire. It also had echoes of John Kennedy's inauguration promise that America would pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival

of success and liberty Mr Portilio said Britain was ready to commit its armed forces to conflict when necessary, "We commit to peace support and humanitarian opcrations, even in places far from home, for simple and yet fundamental reasons. We are a civilised nation. We recognise our humanitarian obligations. We have the military reperience and capability to help. We respond out of our that Britain's armed forces cape make a difference."

He said Britain's readmess to commit 50,000 men and conflict showed that the coststry was capable of acting sions if necessary. Nowadays, however, it acted more often through international organisations. "Despite the spread of democracy over the last decade, parts of the world. remain prone to xerophobia. ethnic conflict and religious

intolerance," he said. British defence planning took account of more than 50 potential crisis points across the world, including the Balkans, the trans-Can geria. Libya and Iraq, Outside

Manpower cuts curb ambitions

WHILE Mr Portille has every reason to feel confi-dent that Britain's forces can play a significant role in peacekeeping missions or regional conflicts; manpower cuts since the end of the Cold War will limit in

global pelicing ambitions (Michael Evans writes). The Army is down to 104,000 trained soldiers and will drop below the 100,000 mark early next century. Support services However, Britain will rarely, if ever, have to zet on its own, so Mr Portillo ean afford to be generous bi offering its military

Cycle king Induráin quits the road at 32

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE champion cyclist Mi-guel Indurain, arguably the greatest living idol in Spain. plunged his nation into sadyesterday by announc-his retirement from

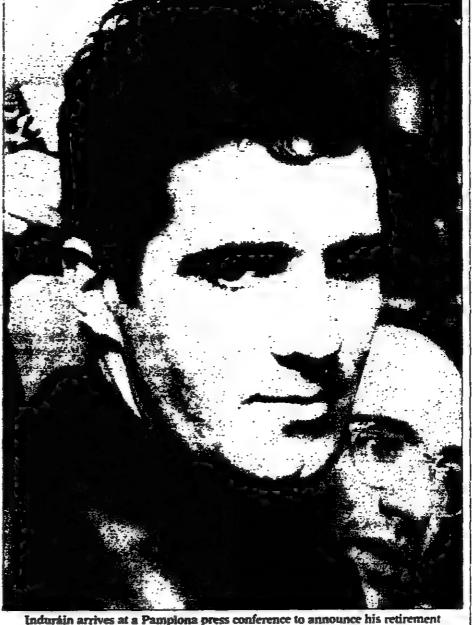
"Miguelon", or Big Miguel, announced his departure at a press conference in his native Pamplona, so ending months of fevered speculation in Spanish newspapers, bars and bornes over the future of

the Basque supersiar. Indurain, 32, who won the Tour de France five times consecutively from 1991, had been out of sorts since he lost last year's race. A victory then. which virtually nobody had dared to bet against, would have given him an unprecedented sixth title, Later in the year he shocked all Spain by dropping out midway in the Vuelta de España, or the tour" of Spain.

If the national mood after his Tour de France loss was one of disbelief, the feeling thereafter was one of gloom. When Indurain's contract with the Banesto Spanish cycling seam, worth an annu-al E7 million, expired on December 31 without his having indicated that he would move to another sponsor, retirement seemed the only likely

A recent poll indicated his compatriots think that Indurain is the most accomplished Spanish sportsman of all time. Yet he is far more than just a sporting hero, his transcending all boundaries of profession, region, class and age. Opinion polls indicate he is even more popular than King Jaun

After each of his Tour de



France triumphs, newspaper editorials exhorted Spaniards to "be like Indurain". Political commentators have been known to call for the "Indurainisation" of Spain, by which they mean an end to inefficiency, and a greater degree of decency, integrity and professionalism in the

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Politically, as well, in the strife-torn Basque country. Indurain has been a model, always emphasising that he is "both Basque and Spanish". It is refreshing also that a Basque should be so warmly embraced across the length and breadth of the country. He is a quiet family man - a kind of Spanish "bloke next door" - and his shy, unshowy

manner is much appreciated.

clist began fortuitously. When

he was II years old. His father, a farmer, recalls this story: "My son became a cyclist because another boy stole his bicycle. We chased the thief but couldn't catch him and Miguel was heartbroken. 'Don't worry', I said to him. 'I'll get you a new one. a racing bike'." Young Miguel got it, and never looked back.

Italy told to tighten migrant entry law

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

ITALIAN authornies demanded reform of the nation's liberal immigration laws yesterday after more North Africans bluffed their way onto the outhern island of Lampedusa.

Officers from the Finance Guard patrolling the sea between Italy and Tunisia on New Year's Eve stopped a trawler carrying 38 would-be immigrants as it was making its way to the shores of Lampedusa ten miles away Under an accord between Tunis and Rome six weeks ago, the police normally would have asked Tunisian authorities to execut the vessel back to Sfax, the port it left

equivalent of a million lire (£400) for the Yoyage.
But the group claimed they had been at sea without food and water for ten days and pleaded to be allowed to land at Lampedusa. They also claimed that three other shipmates had died from hunger and exposure to freezing temperatures between December 27 and December 30.

after each passenger paid the

The Mayor of Lampedusa, Salvatore Martello, said the account was almost certainly fabricated to allow them to land. Under Italian law they will be transported to Sicily where they will be ordered to face repairiation within ten days. However, they will be free to move in the meantime and are sure to head for France and Germany, he said.

"The uninterrupted chain of clandestine immigration has reacted to the measures adopted by the Italian Government." Signor Martello said. Forty Tunisians intercepted by police vessel were allowed ashore on Wednesday.

Easy election win for Singapore rulers

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OPPOSITION parties in Sin-gapore retained at least two being lost and a fund switched to another opposition party ment but the ruling People's Chee Soon Juan, leader of Action Party (PAP) obliterated the SDP, failed to capture a one of its main opponents as: results came in from yester-

day's general election. Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, and his PAP were assured of retaining power pecause opponents confested nly 36 of the 83 seats. Of the first 31 seats announced last

night, the PAP took 29. It was not clear whether the opposition would match or inprove on the four seats won in the last election. The Singa-pore Democratic Party (SDP), which held three seats, has been shut out of the next winning the constituency.

key seat; after a campaign in which government leaders

branded him a "proven liar". Bur Chiam See Tong, the former SDP chief, scraped honge with a reduced majority under the banner of his new Singapore People's Party.
The Workers' Party kept the one seat it had in the old parliament. But attention was recused last night on the Cheng Sas constituency

where five Workers' Party

candidates faced the PAP. Mr Gon has staked his prestige on

Zaire gold town falls to rebels

countries equipped with up-to-date tanks and artillery. Many

had armies numbered in hun-dreds of thousands. Forty air

forces outside Nato had mod-

ern offensive aircraft, 30 had

submarine forces and 20 had

"Such threats require us to maintain highly capable forces," he said, "We in Britain

have shown ourselves willing

to invest in effective deterrence

and in forces that can be

rapidly deployed."
Mr Portillo insisted that the

2400 Palklanders should be

able to choose their own future

without lear or oppression. He also emphasized, however,

Britain's links with Latin

America: and said Britain

warmly welcomed the spread

of democracy and economic liberalism in the continent.

Atlantic is tangible and per-

nanent and we shall wish to

proaden and deepen our ties

with the countries of the

region, based on the clarity of

our position regarding the sovereignty of the islands," he

His remarks, clearly aimed

at Argentina, followed an ear-

ther statement in which he rejected calls by President

denem for shared sovereign-

ty over the islands. However,

he welcomed what he called

the conciliatory tone of Senor

Military planners are ask-

ing whether Britain needs to

keep such a large force in the

South Atlantic at a time when

Argentina has promised that it

would not use force again in

its campaign to secure sover-

eignty over the islands.

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ballistic missiles.

Rebels trying to topple President Mobutu of Zaire seized the northeast town of Bunia and nearby gold mines in a 12hour battle with government forces (Our Foreign Staff writes). Hundreds died in the

Christmas Eve offensive. in neighbouring Rwanda authorities arrested as geno-cide suspects more than 2,500 Hutus who were among about 460,000 refugees who returned home from Tanzania.

Out of prison

Brussels: A Belgian court freed Alain Van der Biest, an with the 1991 murder of fellow Socialist politician, André Cools. But the charges have not been dropped. (Reuter)

Waves injure 27

Redondo Beath: Storm-whipped waves 10ft high swept 27 people off a jetty at this California beach, leaving many with neck and back injuries. All were rescued by lifeguards. (AP)

Java gas threat

Jakarta: A crater has opened up and is spewing poisonous gas in the Dieng Plateau of central Java, where a similar discharge killed nearly 150 people in 1979, the official Antara news agency said. (AP)

Border alert

Bonn: Germany is to crack down on smugglers of illegal immigrants by boosting the number of border police near Poland and the Czech Republic from 4,700 to 6,200, the Interior Ministry said. (AFP)

Corruption war

Hanoi: Communist Vietnam's leaders intensified their war of words on corruption, saying moral degeneration among pairty cadres had exposed a flank for enemies to sabotage the revolution. (Reuter)

Imperial hope

Tokyo: Almost 60,000 people visited the Imperial Palace to wish a happy new year to Emperor Akihito, 63. He said: "I pray for happiness for Japanese people as well as those in the rest of the world." (AP)

Festive chop

Brussels: A thief stole a slicep from a Christmas crib in the western Belgian city of Ghent and slaughtered it on the spot. the police said. "Looks like someone who wanted a meal." an officer said. (Reuter)

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Why therapy does not work

Clinical psychologist Dr Dorothy Rowe explains why, for many patients, psychotherapy cannot provide a solution

Dorothy Rowe enlightened

n my salad days when I was green in judgment I believed that universal enlightenment was possible. I saw that the body of human stupidity far outweighed the body of human knowledge and wisdom with the result that just about all the vastness of human suffering derived from what we do to one another and to ourselves. However, I believed that the forces of unreason (the kind of thinking that results when lear, greed, vanity and the desire for power are allowed to prevail over logic and scientific thinking) could be exposed for what they were and thus defeated. I thought that psychotherapy would be the means by which this would happen. Through psychotherapy we would come

to understand that all we know is what we have constructed, and that out of this understanding we would develop new ways of living together based on tolerance, mutual dignity and knowledge informed by the search for truth rather than the fulfilment of desires.

Now I know that this has not occurred and might never occur. I no longer see psychotherapy as being as profound as I once thought it was. Moreover, the forces of unreason are not so easily routed, and, when

they do suffer a defeat the forces quickly regroup and capture other territory. This happens because not only do these forces serve to keep power in the hands of those who would be powerful (in political thought such people are usually grouped together as the Church and the State; but they often secretly subvert those who believe that they are in the vanguard of enlightenment. Enlightenment requires a person to look with clear, unwavering eyes at the reality of our existence but, as T.S. Eliot said: "Human kind cannot bear very much reality."

When reality becomes too much we can comfort ourselves with fantasies, which is wise provided we remember that the stories are fantasies. If we fail to do this, if we think that our fantasies are real and true, we join the forces of unreason, in the ranks of therapists there are some who do just this. They develop a logic that conveniently ignores those constructions which do not fit their theories and thus they collude with the forces of unreason. Therapists whose model of therapy includes terms like transpersonal, spirituality, the soul, the religious, are prope to do this. Freud ignored much of the actual brutality his clients had suffered and many of his disciples have done the same.

mere failure of nerve. It seems instead to be an inability to understand and accept the peculiarity of our existence.
This peculiarity is that, while the world

we live in seems to be solid and real and shared with others, what we each experience is our individual construction. We can imagine events that occur without any relationship to us, but what we have is not knowledge about such events but theories. In fact, everything we know is a theory, a construction, and this construction is inside our heads.

When I lecture about this I often quote or refer to the work of the scientist lan Stewart when he wrote: "The problem is that human beings cannot obtain an objective view of the universe. Everything

we experience is mediated by our brains. Even our vivid impression that the world is 'out there' is a wonderful trick. The nerve cells in our brains create a simplified copy of reality inside our head, and then persuade us that we are inside it, rather than the other way around." I then describe how,

while it seems to me that I am here and my audience over there, actually what I am experiencing is inside my head. I can only hope that whatever is going on bears some

resemblance to my construction. I go on to say that the same process is occurring in each person, and that if it were possible to take our pictures out of our heads, we would see that each picture is different. This is because our construction can come from nowhere other than our past experience, and no two people have the

s I describe this process I watch

the expressions of my audience. Some people look mildly interested, unsurprised because I am not telling them anything they do not know, but others look confused, even anxious. They have never heard such an account of experience before. Because all that we have are our interpretations, we are free to choose to acknowledge that what we have are theories and that we can use all means to

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"When reality becomes too much we can comfort ourselves with fantasies, which is wise provided we remember that the stories are fantasies"

tence? Over the past 20 years I have taught - or tried to teach - this to a wide range of people. I have found that some people have no difficulty in understanding the peculiarity of their existence while others remain baffled and confused or dismiss out of hand what I say. Most of the nuclear physicists I have encountered find what I say blindingly obvious. After all, physicists have been dealing with this issue since the 1920s. It is other scientists who want to believe that somehow in doing science they step outside them-selves, don the white coat of objectivity and perceive reality directly. They find the thought that they cannot measure any-Many are psychologists.

Teaching psychologists and highly qualified psychotherapists I find the hardest chore of all. Many come with a set

of mental boxes, which they call psychological theories. As I talk I see what I am saying being popped into one of the boxes and the lid snapped tight. To pass examinations in psychology and psychotherapy you have to know the current theories and their accepted refutation or supposed refutation, because often the refutation is no more than name-calling, and there is nothing well trained psychologists like better than polysyllabic abstract nouns. Such words allow the user to ignore experience, especially experiences that challenge the psycholo-

Of course, psychologists and only people who pop every-thing into a theory box. Listen to the pundits on Radio Four's The Moral Maze and you will hear them doing the same. Thus lived experience is ignored and what is enjoyed is the comfort of prejudice. As Freud once observed, intellectualisation is the most reliable

of the defences. As small children we are well aware that our way of seeing things is very different from that of our parents, but unfortunately for most of us we are not allowed to hold on to such an understanding. Instead, we are told that our individual truths are silly, childish, wrong, wicked. If we grow up believing that there is just one right way of thinking, feeling and acting we lead miserable lives because we have lost the one freedom that makes our life survivable, even happy and glorious. Such freedom comes from understanding that although we can control very little of the circumstances of our life we are always free to change how

we interpret those circumstances. The turning point in psychotherapy is

the moment when the person actually reaches such an understanding. This is an understanding that the person now knows through and through. It saturates and transforms their entire structure of meaning. If the person has only an intellectual grasp of this understanding then nothing is gained. Unfortunately there are many psychotherapists who pay lip-service to such an understanding but who imply that they are in possession of some Absolute Truth.

Thus are those psychotherapists who want to be powerful, seduced

by the forces of unreason. It may be that the psychotheraincome, or become famous, or nothing simply assure himself of his self-worth by making his cli-ents better. But as long as the else other psychotherapist is saying to the client "I know best. Do it than the my way", the psychotherapist has yielded to the forces of meaning we create

Hence psychotherapy has not transformed the world. Far too many psychotherapists have been seduced in this way. Such psychotherapists can be found in all schools of therapy. Psychoanalysts were

seduced right from the start. Unreason seeks to satisfy desires and to do so must frustrate the search for what is. Science seeks to establish what is, irrespective of our desires. Psychotherapy has not transformed and enlightened the world or even a small part of it because in seeking to understand ourselves we fail to be scientific. Meaning is our being. We have nothing else other than the meaning

Such an understanding should be the basis of psychology and psychotherapy. But it is not. In the 1960s an American

psychologist called Rosenthal published his research which showed that if teachers thought certain children were intelligent the children behaved intelligently, that test results differed according to gender, and that osychologists got the results they expected even when the subjects were rats. In short, he showed that it is not what happens to us which determines what we think, feel and do but how we interpret what happens to us. I remember a lecturer saying: "It his results are only halfway accurate we'll have to do every experiment again." I thought she was right and that psychologists should start again. But they did not, Status, as ever.

t would be possible to construct a psychology and psychotherapy based on the knowledge that we construct what we know. Here we would recognise that emotion is not separate from cognition but is a way of creating meaning. We would understand that communication is not a matter of passing something from one person to another but a process of individual interpretations; full of opportunities for mutual misunderstandings. We would elaborate the methods of science in the testing of our personal, political, aristic and scientific theories. We would search for shared patterns of constructions and delineare the variations of individual constructions. In all, we would celebrate the creativity of our inventions for we would know that if there were one fixed reality and that was what each of its saw how dreary our lives would be.

If only we would do this.

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Jane Gordon finds herself succumbing to a surplus of superstition

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THERE is something about the new year that makes me uncharacteristically supersti-tious. In the past few days I have found myself surreptitiously checking through the 'year ahead' predictions of every astrologer you can name searching for the future of my dreams.

Because, while part of me knows that — as Shakespeare so succincily put it -- "our fate lies not in our stars but in ourselves", another part of me yearns to believe in some

preordained destiny. Indeed, it occurred to me recently that as we move towards the millerwium becoming ever more sophisti-cated and technologically advanced - so, simultaneously, we have become more and more obsessed with looking back over our shoulders to a time when the only science we knew was based on magic,

obstruct the bad energies bent on coming in through my green (for "growth") front door and whether or not I myth and superstition.
Instead of putting our faith
in the considerable achievements of the present day we prefer to depend on the dubious counsel of contemporary soothsayers, sages and star-gazers who pull us back to an age of ignorance.

In fact this year, as well as checking my Chinese horoscope, my numerology and the apparently all-important progress of the Comet Hale Bopp through my star sign. I have been looking at my Feng Shut - the latest "ancient science" to obsess neurotic, over-indulged Westerners. I have been wondering, for instance, whether or not my

desk faces in the "right"

have a well lit, well positioned wealth corner". I have even been considering repositioning the furniture in our bedroom after discovering, in Lilian Too's The Complete Illustrated Guide to Feng Shai given to me for Christmas, that a bed placed beneath an exposed beam will bounce hostile energy onto the couple lying in it.

Consulting the oracle

path is twisted enough to

I AM not alone in looking in strange places for omens about my future. A growing number of intelligent, otherwise sensible women - and rather fewer men - have represuised their homes and

lives to promote good Feng

shall I read? who runs her own clothing business, was recently persuaded by a professional Feng Shui practitioner to repaint the exterior of her shops in red and gold, the colours of prosperity, and to leave a crystal bowl of water. by the tills to magnify her takings. Another has removed all the mirrors from her house to relieve the negative influences" they reflect.

It is, of course, pure mum-bojumbo: the kind of non-sense that for centuries has held back mankind and prevented individuals from achieving their full potential. How can a rational person possibly believe that the position of a mirror, a bed or a table in their home could manipulate their "cosmic chi" so that they can achieve greater success and happiness? But then how could the Duchess of York have been taken in by Madame Vasso's

ability to foresee her future from beneath a blue triangle? Why do I still want to put my faith in the curious notion that the journey of a comet through space can make me healthier, wealthier and more fulfilled throughout 1997?

Perhaps it is because in an

age when scientific achieve-

ments make magic look ordi-

yes, there have been fewer harsh words since we moved the bed from under that beam. But perhaps that is down to the beneficial influence of Hale Bopp coursing its way through my house. Cheaper Car insurance

ADMIRAL

But it is self-delusory to dub

the growing move towards

these ancient arts as a new

age of spiritual enlighten-

ment in truth, by putting our faith in old wives tales and

superstitions we are indanger

not of awakening a new consciousness but of slipping

WHICH doesn't mean that I

will stop looking for alterna-tive routes to a good karma. Well, it was high time we

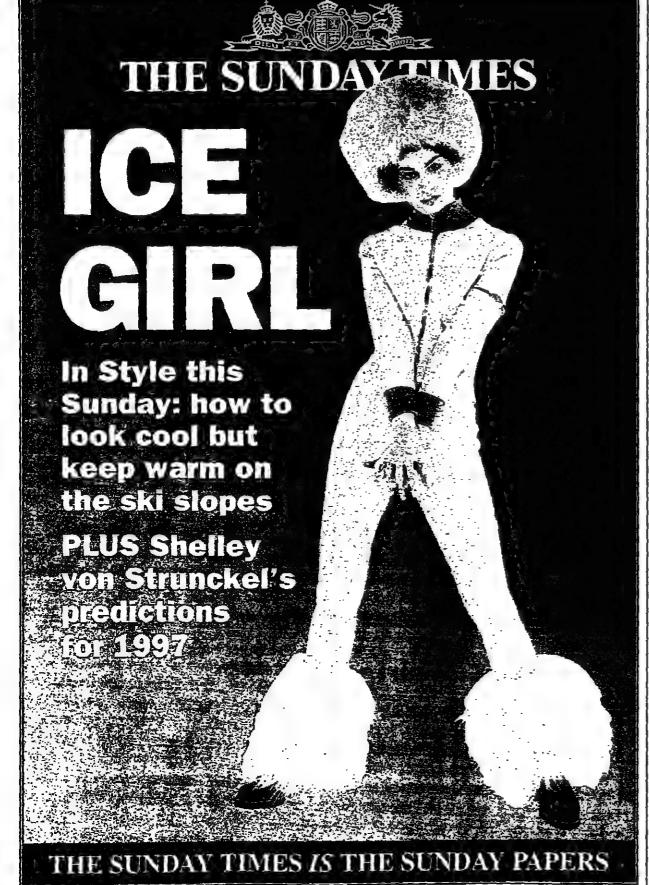
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things I cannot understand without even an interstable, it is comforting to fall back on the sorceries of the past.

We might, deep down, acknowledge that ultimately we are in control of our own destinies but we prefer. In the prefer. CASH destinies but we prefer, in stead, to look to the stars, the tarot, even the palms of our hands for answers to prob-

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People hurt you so easily—press, family, friends'

proud of

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North'

obert Lindsay's face wears the half-haumed, half-hunted expression of a man who seems to crave your approval and yet fears it too. He has no reason to look so vulnerable. As the star of GBH and Jake's Progress he took television acting to new heights. Many judges mcluding those responsible for giving out Bañas. Officers and Tonys in the past few years -reckon him to be the finest small screen and big stage actor of his generation. And yet he admits that he can be wounded by even the most innocuous criticism. "It's a very insecure profession. People hurt you so easily — press, family, friends, punters. Everything you do, you're going. 'Is that OK?' "
We are sitting in dressing room.

Number One at the London Palladium, where Lindsay is in the early stages of his 26 week run as Fagin in Oliver! "The best thing I've ever done," he says. He is 46, bigbearded, slight, a little twitchy. He is hardly relaxed, but his emotions. are so near the surface that he is more open to questioning than other more superficially engaged interviewees. He is clearly hard on himself. If he can't think of the word he wants to use, he will shake his head and snort in alarming self-

disgust He tells a story about when he was doing a sittom called Nightingales. "It was a bit bizarre, surreal. My audience — if you like, people who'd watched Cutzen Smith — There's a terrible interiority completed my that for?" I went into my local baker's to get a birthday cake for my daughter. The baker took it upon himself to tell me what he thought of my work, which was because it werts to the college of basically What are you doing that channels to thoose from I have one channels to thoose from I have one baker and your bread's crain. He want to be an artifact from busys want to be an artifact from busys want to be an artifact from busys in was escape, small-nown busys. I was completely dumbstruck that want to be an arrived year. A tor un he'd offended me. He just thought it was escape, yeall town blues. I he could say that. I was devastated. I was really hurt. My old man used to say: It's a job. I'd say: 'Dad' anything so long as I sould have done anything so long as I sould have got away. Now, I magning though that he's a joiner, or was — no one, modelle aged thing where I want to comes up to you when you've done. door, that's the worst door I've ever



Robert Crampton meets Robert Lindsay. the star of a controversial new TV play dealing with euthanasia

father. "I'm very proud of my dad." He was a trade unionist, very outspoken. I think I've inherited that. Tindsay Ir does have a reputation as being politically, not entirely dissimilar from Wolfie Smith, the Seventies sixon characenjoy the social max. I am sure he still feels a bit of an outsider, and that it is no accident he has done his best work for and with fellow ter that made him his name. "I do Northerners Alan Bleasdale, the get on me soapbox occasionally Liverpudlian writer, and Julie Walabout certain issues. I used to be ters. He talks about Bleasdale as very, very let wing. As I get older "me brother", and evidently adores I'm calming down. I do go home a His dad crops again when we discuss his latest project lot, and I'm very aware of the

Fie is from likesion. Derbyshire. His par-ents still live there, and he travels up from his new home in Backing matic, and very public, breakdown of his long standing relationship with the actress Diana

He lost his Derbyshire accent,

documented by Granada's researchers - does not emerge well from the programme.

drama-documenta-

ry for Granada called

Goodbye My Love, which is about euthana-

sia. Lindsay's perfor-

mance is compelling,

but Goodbye My Love is

not written with the skill of a Bleasdale. "My dad watched it," Lindsay

says. "My dad is very

pro-euthanasia. He was

slightly angry that Gra-

my character and he

was coming out as a bit of a

Robert Lindsay's dad is right.

The character his son plays is Derek Humphry, a former journal-

ist who helped his terminally ill

first wife. Jean, to commit suicide. then moved to America with his

second wife and assisted in her

parents' suicides. In America, Humphry founded, and is still associated with, a lobbying group called the Hemlock Society, which

campaigns - with some limited success — for the legalisation of

assisted suicide. Humphry, who

was suffering from breast cancer -

"I got the feeling at one point that perhaps they were having a dig at Derek," Lindsay says. "I started to get defensive about my character. I started to like him a lot and understand his dilemma." What did he like about him? "The fact that he did it. The fact that he loved his [first] wife so much he was prepared to help her end the suffering. I couldn't deal with it if I deliberately, at RADA - "everyone" was saying 'pardon?' all the time, were in that situation." just embarrassing" — where he had a chip on his shoulder but grew to

Lindsay thinks that Humphry will not object to the programme. that, because he was once a journalist, he will appreciate that the film is merely one of many possible viewpoints on his

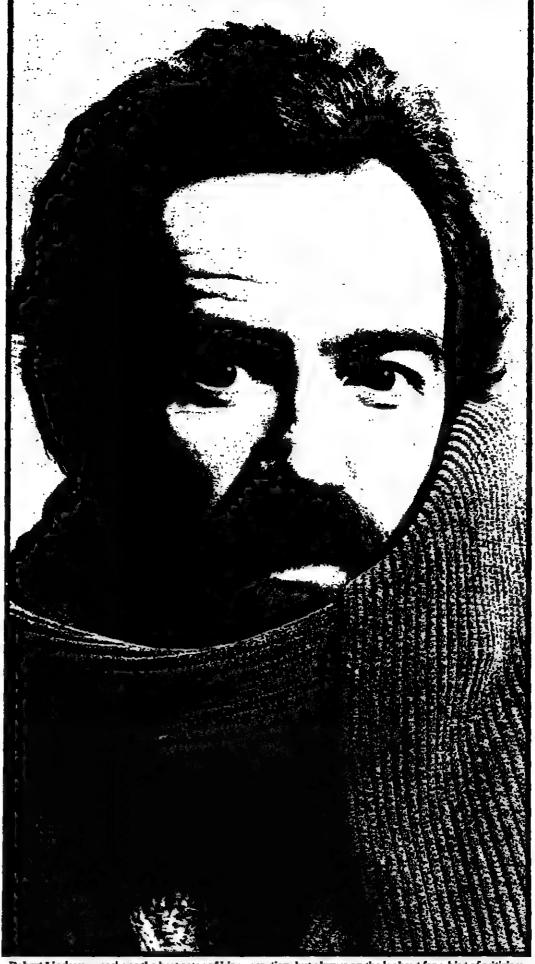
Lindsay was tempted to meet Humphry, whom he had heard was keen to meet him. At one point, during a break in filming in Virginia last year, he thought about going to Oregon to meet the man he was playing. I was thinking about getting on a plane, and Granada were panicky. But I'm not doing an impersonation, that would be hopeless because he is not a famous man anyway. It wouldn't have helped me to meet him from an actor's

nstead Lindsay prepared by reading Humphry's two books, the second of which is a bestseller in America but still banned here because it is overly informative on the business of taking life. "For an emotional man like myself," Lindsay says, "it was very shocking. I was thinking. 'hold on, this could be my mum you're talking about'.

He also watched hours of video of Humphry on the chatshow circuit, and this research has paid off handsomely in some of the programme's best scenes, Watching Lindsay on television acting a man who is performing badly on television shows you how good an actor he is. He ought to have very little to worry about.

• Goodbye My Lave will be shown

that much has been well. Valerie Grove is on holiday



Robert Lindsay - perhaps the best actor of his generation, but always on the lookout for a hint of criticism

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Philip Howard



How do you rate non-PC stories, children? a) Super or b) Smashing

survey indicates that Matilda is the honest film in town for the four to sixyear-old cohorts. This is as scientific as more expensive opinion polls. The sample may be smaller, but it is sounder because it was sampled by myself, not by street-corner bores with clipboards and silly questions. And the survey shows that little boys prefer the horrible revenges taken by a dear little schoolgirl on her ogress headmistress to sported dogs or toy astronauts, or even speaking piglets. And when the ogress swung a child round by her plaits as though throwing the hammer, and hurled her through a window, the gasps of delighted horror drowned even the munching of popeorn in the local Odeon.

So my Pepsi-straw poll confirms the solemn one done by researchers at Surrey University. After extensive studies of 9,000 children, they have concluded that children do not care a popcorn whether their books are politically correct or not. Very few thought it important that their books should reflect their age, sex, colour, class or country of origin. Their favourite author was Roald Dahl, the subversive godfather of Matilda.

Enid Blyton came second.
"Gosh, I do think it's mean," said George fiercely. "All these horrid critics are so beastly about Aunty Enid and our adventures. It's not our fault that we Famous Five are all white and polite (most of the time) and come from a nice Home Counties family and have a dog called Timmy." "Don't be rude. George." said her mother. "And anyway. the unkind critics don't seem to affect Aunt Enid's sales." "Woof," said Timmy.

"Gosh," said George, "But I do agree with teacher about one thing. That Matilda girl of Mr Dahl's is rude, I think the children who voted for her rather than us must have been jolly badly brought up. And his Twits are simply awful." "Perhaps the children were just teasing the polisters," said her mother. But children do not simply copy what they read. They read to escape and adventure and float their imaginations. I remember that when I was your age, children were divided between the naughty ones who liked William and the Outlaws and that dreadful Billy Bunter, who came in a comic that we were forbidden to look at, and the good ones who preferred Swallows and Amazons. I even knew a boy who liked Angela Brazil better than any of them."

"Grown-ups have always disapproved of their children's reading," said George's father, looking up from his Times. "Once upon a time, the only stories for children me from the Bible and mythology. And you can see that those were not very nice from the wall paintings in church, and from the time when Uncle Quentin came up from Kirrin Island to take you to the National Gallery. All sorts of violence and fibs and murder; and goings-on that were even more

unsuitable for the nursery bookcase." "And when the Romantics started to write books especially for children," said George's mother, "they were not much better. I think Grimms' fairy-tales are sadistic. And Hans Andersen is not much better. Our native British tradition of children's stories about rabbits and other small furry animals may be anthropomorphic. But rabbits are safer."

"I am not sure about that," said George's father. There is a decidedly Freudian subtext to Alice, and some deconstructionists find Freud even in loyal Narnia. If you lift up any of the classic children's texts you can find creepy-crawlies underneath."

What's anthropomorphism?" asked "Aunt Enid would say that it was too long a word," explained her father. "But I suppose it means that children should be allowed to

adventure where they want in their reading and their imaginations. And if they want to treat their teddy bears and piglets as people. that is one way to learn the difference between bears of little brain and child-reading experts of little brain. Children are going to read what they want, anyway. And if they choose to read about inane middleclass twerps like us, who are we to complain? We may lead them on to more satisfying adventures. Reading is like the escalator on the Underground. It leads you up to secret gardens and magic casements. And the journey would be no fun if there were not some spooky attics and saucy advertisements along the way."

The fall of President Milosevic could herald a new Balkan democracy — or chaos, argues Misha Glenny

People in the former Yugoslavia never experienced the rush of collective joy which accompanied the collapse of communism in Berlin. Prague or Bucharest, For in Yugoslavia, the events of 1989 stirred up a whirlpool of constitutional chaos and destruction which swallowed up millions of innocents. Its vortex lay in Serbia.

The demographic spread of Serbs in the former Yugoslavia enabled the unscrupulous elites of Serbia and Croatia to include in a conflict which led to the annihilation of the Croatian periphery and then all of Bosnia. A Yugoslav friend remarked in 1991: "This war started in Serbia and it will end in Serbia." The vortex is now imploding.

In many respects, Serbia proper is now undergoing its 1989 revolution. President Milosevic succeeded in postponing the event seven years ago by transforming the fears and insecurities of ordinary Serbs into a frenzy of nationalist hatred.

Over the past two centuries, Serbia and the Serbs have suffered from a curious schizophrenia. On the one hand, Serbian nationalism has reflected the classic inferiority complex of small nations: it perceives itself as the victim of unscrupulous imperial power, be this Ottoman. German or, latterly, American. These marauding powers use their local lackeys, be they Croatian, Bosnian or Albanian, as a stick with which to beat the Serbs. On the other hand, in regional struggles Serbia has often tried to play the role which it imputes to the great powers — deploying superior force to resolve territorial issues in its favour. Slobodan Milosevic was unable to

Loosening the grip of Serbia's iron man

started the Serbs on a programme of nationalist expansion, he found himself isolated by the international community. He dropped his opportunistic nationalism and presided over a massive defeat in Croatia and a partial defeat in Bosnia. Traumatised by war and international sanctions, regarded by the outside world as parials, ordinary Serbs are now waking up. Why did this happen? Who is responsible for making their lives such a misery? Mr Milosevic

must now pick up a very expensive tab. The mass opposition to his rule, which extends beyond Belgrade into dozens of towns and cities across the country, is the first sustained outburst of democratic sentiment from below in the current Balkan crisis. In contrast to the nationalism which so poisoned the country in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the demonstrations in Serbia are not being organised by a power-hungry clique, despite attempts by Mr Milosevic's ruling party to portray them in this light.

But the Serbian President is no longer in a position to play the nationalist card by implying that dark external enemies want once again to destroy the Serbs. Since he left the Croatian Serbs to hang any more that he is a resolute defender of Serbian national interests. Apparent disquiet about Mr Milosevic in the Yugoslav military (another organisation which the Serbian President has systematically abused) is a striking indication of how his authority is slipping. Nor is the international community fooled. The leopard has changed his spots too often Washington, London or Bonn to consider him a reliable partner.

This could be the end. But Mr Milosevic is not yet politically buried and he is a far more adept operator than Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian dictator with whom several commentators have compared the Serbian President in the past few weeks. More importantly, the demonstrations in Belgrade and dozens of other Serbian cities are not merely a belated anti-

Undoubtedly, there are parallels with 1989. But the violent destabilisation of Yugoslavia over the past five years means that the assault on Mr Milosevic's tottering edifice has more profound implications for the Balkans. Serbia is still involved in varying degrees with the internal affairs of

has a long-term domestic problem in Kosovo, where a restless Albanian population forms the majority. Kosovo may yet lead to war. As the demonstrations grew in

strength throughout December, the world media began examining the credentials of the protesters' two most influential leaders, Zoran Djindjic of the Democratic Party and Vuk Draskovic, head of the Serbian Renewal Move-ment. The New York Times implied that the former's connections with the Bosnian Serbs augured ill for the Dayton peace process. Some Western diplomats have voiced a preference for the devilthey know, suggesting that Mr Milosevic's fall could trigger another round of Balkan chaos.

This misses the point, Mr Milosevic did not sign the Dayton agreement on his own behalf but on behalf of the rump Yugoslav state. New leaders would have no right to revise these accords unilaterally. In addition, the Zajedno coalition which co-ordinates the demonstrations is a very heterogeneous alliance. This diversity greatly reduces the possibility of capricious acts which might destabilise the Balkans again in the

event of Mr Milosevic losing power. The insistence of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe that Mr Milosevic restore the results of the November local elections is absolute. ly correct and not an unwarranted interference. Mr Milosevic has been caught red-handed with his fingers in the fill of democracy. The OSCE is not demanding his respect principles which are non-negotiable if he wants to achieve his stated goal of reintegration into the

European mainstream.

Should the Serbian President accept the democratic will of Serbs, it will probably start a steady erosion of his influence. If, however, he flows the demands both of the Opposition and the international community, Serbia will again find itself isolated, perhaps provoking the dreadful vortex into turning.

There is no absolute guarantee that the Opposition will contribute to peaceful solutions in Bosnia or in Kosovo. But Serbia still holds the key to stability in the Balkans and the devolution of power away from Mr Milosevic's Socialist Party and the uncompromising neo-Communists led by his wife, Mirjana Markovic, would represent a tremendous encouragement to other democrats in the region. It is not just Serbia which groans under autocracy — in varying degrees, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Albania and Bulgaria suffer under the arbitrary rule of political and economic malias. If their grip is not loosened, the Balkans will be left behind as the new millennium approaches.

The author's book The Fall of Yugoslavia is published by Penguin. £7.99

No such thing as a free lunch

Why do the greedy succumb to promises of wealth, or just something for nothing?

t is well known that a fool and his money are soon parted. But can there be so many fools as to keep the fires of folly and ignorance (particularly ignorance) merrily burning night and day?

am sorry to say that the answer is a resounding yes, because my theme today is not just pointing to the fools, it is the greater, much greater, theme of greed. For the world is sprinkled with those who cover money more than anything else on earth, and will do anything, sometimes including murder, to get it.

Now I did not come here to tell the

world that some people are crooked and some are preedy and - alas - some are foolish, and many, many are ignorant. There always were, and there always

love money more than their lives. What I am writing about is human nature, something that have studied throughout my life with astonishment,

pity, horror, laughdisgust, pain,

weariness, rage and disbelief.
Especially disbelief. Because we shake our heads at folly, but we shudder - or we should - at greed.

That is where the great financial journalist Tony Hetherington comes in. for he is the greatest of all sniffers out of crooks and wideboys and scoundrels. and many a decent and honest fool has been saved by Tony from the claws of the crooks. (Ah. but even that honest fool is seeking the stuff which Jesus threw out of the Temple, for there will always be the eternal booby thinking he can get

something for nothing.)
Some examples. Take the eternal pyramid scam. You don't know what the pyramid scam is? You should be able to guess by the very name, but if you cannot, here it is. The scammer wheedies a chunk of money to start with, and the pitiful scammee is supposed to go out and get others to join the scam, and more and more money is supposed to pile up. Unfortunately, this never works (it is an exact parallel of the well-known chain letter) and so the scammed go home anything up to a few thousand smackers short. One of Tony's most scammy scams was called Common Wealth, which had the impudence to use famous and respectable names such as "Invesco, Ashburton, Gartmore and

ProShare", all of which were horrified when they discovered that the shysters were using their names.

But what do you make of anyone — this is a true story — who, looking for modest riches and having a modest nestegg, instantly succumbs when a reasonably smooth talker says: "We follow a simple philosophic principle - that if you wish to receive, you must first give." And on that statement and nothing else, the person seeking modest riches passes over all those modest riches to a group of polite, even charming money-makers. Don't take my word for it, but see how it ended.

Those who wanted to receive (in due course, naturally) had first to cough up £250 to be scammed, and had to go further and toss no less than £2,500 into

scammed one was to sign a document which included the words "rewards depend on my own efforts in introducing new members". Well now, I don't know about you, but

I reckon that half a dozen thousand pounds are quite a bit of the ready, particularly when it is all very iffy - very iffy indeed. And yet these scammers raked in the stuff as though it was mowing time in the fields, and the scammed never asked for their money back until every scrap of it had disappeared - and disappeared forever.

I have sometimes asked the diddled person what was in his or her mind when he or she passed over a substantial chunk of money which was never seen again. The answer was always the same: They looked very honest."

Now it is easy to make a face and say "greed", smiling as you do. To wish to have money is not in itself something bad. But take an absurd analogy: would you wade across a pool that was known to harbour crocodiles? And at night?

I repeat: it is greed, yes, but it is not just greed. It is something much deeper and older. Once upon a time, a monied man was a very special one. I remember from my childhood the golden sovereign that dangled from my grandfather's watch chain, even though from time to time the whole family came close to having an empty larder.
But what of this next kind of greed,

though I still say that it is not only greed? Did you read about the story of what happened at Sheekey's? Sheekey's is a



fish restaurant in the heart of London. and has been there for 100 years. For such an unbroken line, surely something in the way of rejoicing was needed. and what hener rejoicing can there be than a bite and a sup? So for one day, Sheekey's would serve its usual platters but at 1950 prices. And Sheekey's played

up splendidly.
Now, Sheekey's can hold roughly 300 people at a go and a squeeze. Sheekey's had orders for 300 people with steamed cod and parsley sauce for Z5p, or deepfried mussels in orange and basil and bread-and-butter pudding for 15p, the idea being that the 300 would come, eat and go. in an orderly manner without getting charmous numbers of enters eating exactly at the same time. Neat,

eh? Not quite. Because the queue started at 10 o'clock in the morning, and when Sheekey's opened, there was already a queue of more than a thousand people. waiting for a bite and a sup for nothing. Well, nearly nothing.

The queue began to be restless; so restless that the police were called. Remember that it was only about some steamed cod and bread-and-butter pud-ding (both of which I detest, incidentally). The manageress, Angela Falcone, explained at 3pm that there was no food left, and added: "It was absolute chaos. I could not believe how angry some people were."

I dare say. And one man in the queue said: "They made an offer and should honour it. We haven't even been offered

coffee." How shocking. But if you looked at the newspaper photographs of the queue, you could see a substantial chunk of it. Whether the chaos that the manageress spoke of had started by then, the picture does not reveal. But what can be immediately seen is that the people in the queue are not tramps, down-and-outs, things or pickpockets. They are decent men and women, decently clothed and obviously able to pay what Sheekey's usually charges. What does that mean?

It means, surely, that ordinary people, not hungry or desperate for a pair of worn-out shoes, are steeped in the culture of "it's not actually stealing, so it's all right if no one is looking over our shoulder, and anyway we have to stay in

the queue for hours on end".

That is the plebeian version, and we smile at it. We can smile, because we are not involved in the lunacies of, say, Morgan Grenfell. Remember Morgan Grenfell? I do, and I shook my head in wonder, but that is because none of my oney was in Morgan Grenfell. And as for the Destsche Bank (which came to the rescue of Morgan Grenfell), that most perfectly sound and honourable institution could say that "Deutsche" Bank is understood to be looking for an outsider with impeccable credentials". Well ves. But when the laughter had died down the nonsense had not.

h, don't think these things happen in Britain only. Money is coveted whichever head is on the banknotes, and this time they were Italian ones. "The head of the Italian state railroad system. one of the best-known figures in his country, has been arrested and detained for questioning on a broad range of criminal charges, including embezzles ment, corruption, fraud, abuse of office, false accounting and criminal association. "And criminal association. Wowl

There are thieves and burglars and robbers and scammers, and I can understand them, or I think I can. Embezdement, too, and even the marshy waters of fraud. But what I cannot understand is the men who have great quantities of money - enough to keep them in every comfort forever -

who break the law to get even more. The cadgers of Sheekey's are really in . the same boat, though they would deny it. And who are the men and women who lick their lips when they hear of a thing called a pyramid or a scam? They are the people who are about to be rooked, and many of them deserve it.

Bechinnen chan shtinken. That is a Yiddish phrase meaning literally "If it's free, it doesn't matter if it stinks". But

that does not encompass Sheekey's

thousand-long queue.

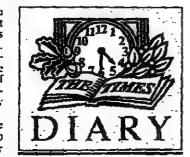
Jam tomorrow

MEMBERS of Parliament who retire this year are doing their best to make sure that the election takes place after the beginning of April. Their concern crosses party pointical boundaries, for each will be eligible to claim thousands of pounds if the dissolution of Parliament takes place in the new financial year.

Every MP who retires at the general election can claim up to £11,600 if the election is called after the beginning of April, the fees office at Westminster confirmed yesterday. This would be in addition to their retirement pay and pension. Should John Major call an election before April, however, they will not get the money.

The office costs allowance was increased to £46,364," said the fees office. "If the election takes place after the new financial year, they would be entitled to claim up to a

quarter of that." About 80 MPs have announced their intention to retire at the general election, 62 of them Conservatives. Among Ulster Unionists. who hold the balance of power and could force an election by voting repeatedly against the Govern-



ment, only Sir James Molyneaux is planning to retire. But yesterday he was unavailable for comment.

Other MPs who are stepping down at the election either claimed not to know of the generous allowance or were reluctant to talk about financial matters after the brouhaha about the huge pay rise they awarded themselves last year. "It's a sensitive issue," said one. "We don't want to stoke up the pay row that we saw last year again."

Late excuse

IN A FATUOUS attempt to justify its recurrent excuse for delayed trains. Railtrack has saturated stations with a leaflet entitled Just how do leaves delay trains? Train operators cannot be

blamed, it explains, nor indeed can Railtrack: "Fallen leaves really do disrupt train services. And not just here in the UK but all over Europe and in the USA." The leaves themselves take the blame: chestnut, sycamore, poplar

and ash are damned as "the worst offenders". Crushed by passing trains, they "carbonise ... into a hard. Tellon-like coating on the rails", leaving trains performing wheelspins and smoking impotently on their bogeys.

• The bald singer Phil Collins stepped into Albanian national hero Norman Wisdom's shoes yesterday as president of Comic Heritage, which raises money for comedy-related events. Collins has never made me laugh, although he did once appear dressed as a tramp with the great master Ronnie Barker in The Two Ronnies.

Real clanger

MADRID was full of choking Spaniards on New Year's Eve as the Puerta del Sol clock. Madrid's Big Ben, chimed 12 at double speed. Fast chimes would be no problem

in Britain, but in Spain they like to cat a grape for each chime to bring in the year. Normally the clock's chimes come every 2.7 seconds. This year, however, because of restoration work, they resounded every 1.4 seconds, leaving Spaniards in the square beneath the clock and those watching on television — with juice dribbling down their chins and checks full of pips. The city's horologist-in-chief. Vincente Rodriguez, has been blamed for not slowing down the chimes. Rodri-



Ive had the wind chill factor explained to me."

guez, however, is a sombre hombre, jealous of his reputation. Like a real man, he has passed the buck on to his superiors.

Great Scott

OVERLOOKED among most Honours List reports is the KCMG awarded to David Gore-Booth, British High Commissioner in Delhi and former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. It was not so long ago that his chances of advancement took a dive when he was criticised in the Scott report for failing to acknowledge the fact that mistakes in his department might have contributed to "the lamentable fact that a misleading submission had been placed before" William Waldegrave, then Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

Paris cheek

PARISIAN subtlety has yet to infect the brutish charms of Alexander McQueen, the recently appointed British designer-in-chief at Givenchy. In an interview with Paris Match, McQueen, 27, whose most notable achievement to date has been the creation of "burnster" trousers, a transference of plumber chic to the catwalk, is pictured in





MD William

Piggy in the middle: Galliano (left), Mc Queen and Westwood

Givenchy's elegant salon wearing ripped jeans and bovver boots and holding a beer.

He dismisses John Galliano, who moved from Givenchy to Dior. as a man of the 1980s and calls Vivienne Westwood "ridiculous" for the strong historical element in her clothes, saying: "No one wants to dress up in period costumes."

"In London, I am at the top," says McQueen, and I don't want to be drowned by Paris." First stage in his tough-guy strategy is not even to bother learning French. He then plans to show his first ready-towear collection away from Paris, as

he finds it all far too pretentious.

 Harbour police were called out on New Year's Day to help to clear up the mess left from hundreds of . parties on yachts and on the waterfront the previous evening in the tiny harbour of St Barts in the Caribbean: Sylvester Stallane and Robert De Niro were among the crowds who thronged to the Caribbean island where thousands of champagne bottles and the occasional bra had rendered the water



A TALE OF TWO ELECTIONS

Ministers should concentrate on winning the first

Short of installing 40 new telephone lines courting backbeach attention, but their outside the Department of Health, Stephen Darrell could not have more blatantly signalled his pessimistic diagnosis of the Prime Minister's condition, nor the feverish nature of his own mind. Mr Dorrell's decision to share with the world his wish for Britain to renegotiate its membership of the RU is a display of ambition too naked for this chill January. Presented as a helpful thought on how the Tories might position themselves for the general election, it is a crude attempt by Mr Dorrell to position himself for a Tory leadership election. It would be unrealistic to imagine that politicians could ever stop calculating how events might advance their own careers. But, in their own interests, their party's, and the country's, many of the current Cabanet contenders should show greater manify.

Although Labour enjoys an historically high and apparently unbudgeable opinion. poll lead, the Conservatives could still win the general election. The party's activists certainly think so. Every intervention like Mr Dorrell's, however, makes defeat more likely by revealing that ministers do not have as much faith in their party's electability as its lowlier members. Such interventions so close to the general election do not render their makers any more attractive as potential successors to John Major.

Fellow ministers grown used to office. colleagues anxious to hold marginal seats. and voters who fear a Labour government will not thank ministers who are attracting attention to their leadership campaigns: effort. More likely to command, and deserve, respect are those ministers, such as Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Portillo or even William Hague and Ian Lang, who are concentrating on doing their current jobs well rather than soliciting for another.

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What makes Mr Dorrell's intervention all the more clumsy is its synthetic feel. Otherpositions have seemed more natural. The stance the Education Secretary struck on corporal punishment and, to an even greater extent, the interventions by the Home Secretary on Europe are consonant with their political personalities and history. Considering his record, Mr Dorrell's embrace of renegotiation is as unexpected a sight as a bishop in a bookmaker's. A sters wet, to the left even of Chris Pattern, he is an unlikely champion of the sceptic eause. Mr Dorrell's conversion may be genuine but the suspicion must remain that when he leans to the right he is really just tacking into the wind.

The Tories would be well advised, if iefeated; not to choose a new leader in haste, lest they have the leisure of long years in opposition to repent. There will be pressure for an early change. Mr Major might be tempted to resign. The rules allow him to be challenged within three months of a new Parliament meeting, which could mean July if there is a general election before May. The Conservatives, however, would probably be better waiting until at least November before contemplating change.

"Neil Kinnock's insistence on resigning quickly after defeat in 1992 meant that Labour chose the obvious, rather than the best, leader. It was only tragedy which saved Labour from its folly. The Conservatives should learn from Labour's lesson and have a proper post-mortem before contemplating change. The party conference could be part of that process. A leader chosen by under 300 shell-shocked MPs, a third of whom are new and two thirds of whom are in safe seats, is unlikely to be as capable of winning back Tory support as a candidate who can prove on the public platform that he can reach out to activists from lost marginals. If the Tories, are to have any chance of winning, this spring, or in the future, they must ensure that their traditional tunes of ournsters, most notably Gillian Shephard free enterprise and a free nation are sung by and Michael Howard have been energene in men who leave the words by heart.

SMALL CRASH, NOT MANY HURT

Ten years ago: Black Monday was a blip en route to boom

On October 19 1987, the Dow Jones Messes Greenspan and Soros, along with industrial average, the benchmark indicator. Thousands of others, were wrongfooted on for American and global share prices, fell by the dischey by the market panic. But, with the 508 points, or 25 per cent, in one day. Even benefit of hindsight, their phlegmatic initial before hunchtime, as the London sinck histories were dearly right — 1987 was not market and the bourses of Europe clased down with record losses, the whole world had learnt to describe it as Black Monday, an echo of the 1929 Wall Street Crash. It seemed to symbolise the end of an era-

The astonishing nature of that day's events on Wall Street was illustrated by the reactions of two of the star participants nance today. Alan Greenspan

then recently appointed as Chairman of the Rederal Reserve Board, had and the Japanese financial system did left Washington that morning to deliver a speech in Dallas. When he took off the Dow was down "only" 300 points. On arriving in Dallas his first question was how the market. had closed. "Five o eight down," earne the answer. Mr Greenspan responded with relief: "So it ended just 5.08 down? I knew it would bounce back after lunch."

Meanwhile back in New York George: Soros, who had just earned his first cover story in Fortune as the world's greatest investor", was suffering the worst day so far in his turbulent financial life. Mr Soros had: bet his entire fortune, as was his wont, on a seemingly foolproof wager: Wall Street might eventually fall, but when it did, the vasity more overvalued market in Tokyo would fall much further. But, defying all logic, Tokyo fell only slightly and he was forced to capitulate, taking a loss of \$700 million as he liquidated thousands of futures contracts into the tumbling market. "Technically this is 1929," he despairingly told the Financial Times.

and thing like it. After the 1929 crash, shares took more than 20 years to recover their peak levels. After 1987, a rebound began almost immediately. A recovery took

less than two years. Anyone "foolish" enough to have bought American shares at their pre-peak in July 1987 would now be more than twice as rich. And Mr Soros was right about the real locus of instability in the world economy. The Tokyo market

eventually collapse. The crash in Tokyo was genuinely comparable to 1929; seven years after the Tokyo crash, Japanese shares are still worth less than half what they were at their peak.

What conclusion can be drawn by today's policymakers and investors? Stock market investment is a risky game in the short run. but offers rich rewards for those with a steady nerve. Share prices do not rise in a straight line. After the past two years of bumper profits a period of bumpy trading may lie ahead. But in the end the value of companies reflects the performance of economies. In 1987 the capitalist world was on the threshold of a new era of prosperity. The financial markets' confidence proved well founded in 1987. Will the same be true ten years later? The answer is "no", to judge by the falls in stock markets around the world yesterday. But one day's trading is no guide to what lies ahead, either for the markets or for the world economy - that is the one sure lesson from Black Monday.

PLOTTED AND PIECED

Common law and common sense support the hedgerow

Britain's countryside is defined by its hedgerows: ancient, vibrant corridors of wildlife between its fields and pastures that leave the landscape "plotted and pieced fold, fallow, and plough" in the words of Gerard Manley Hopkins. Postwar farming, however, has wreaked more destruction on . this timeless aspect of England's glory than bombs ever caused to its cities. Mile upon mile of hedgerow has been uprooted to create prairies for combine harvesters. Huge swaths of countryside have been swept bare of all defining features in the scramble to grow ever more, ever more intensively.

Yesterday's victory in Hull County Court by a campaigner demanding the enforcement of a 1765 Enclosures Act that forbids the destruction of any hedgerow is therefore a landmark judgment in every sense. It may, anally, give legislative teeth to faltering government attempts to combat the pernicious effects of the common agricultural policy. It will certainly influence the Govern-

ment's promised hedgerow legislation. The issue on which Colin Seymour brought his challenge may be trivial, and arguably against the interests of his village. which wanted to build a bowling green in place of an ugly, unkempt hedge. But the precedent is immensely important, and conservationists across the country have recog-

nised the wider implications. There are around 4.500 different Acts in England and Wales that control the 40,000 miles of hedgerow, so a blanket interpretation of the one in question may be difficult. Protesters can now challenge the uprooting of ancient hedges ~ lost at the rate of 5,000 miles a year between 1946 and 1974. And the ruling may even oblige farmers and developers to replant some of those already destroyed.

Hedgerows are not only aesthetic boundaries framing the intimacy of Britain's fields; they are cover, breeding grounds and sources of food for bank voles and wood mice, limefl's, redwings and chaffinches, and hunting corridors for weasels and stoats. Sheep and cattle find windbrakes; and even motorists are protected from ice

and snowdrifts by their shelter. Mr Seymour has made litigation a lifetime obsession. That does not diminish the importance of his reaffirmation of the ability of a determined individual, through the dogged pursuit of ancient rights, to insist on common law being applied with common sense. "See, banks and brakes now leaved how thick! Laced they are again with fretty chevri.l" Hopkins wrote. Thanks to Mr Seymour, East Anglia's unbroken flat vistas may again be dotted with white thorn flowers and scarlet berries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Risks of justice on the cheap

From Professor William L. Reynolds and Professor William M. Richman

Sir, As American law professors, we are distressed to learn that the judges of the British Court of Appeal are planning to hire young lawyers as American-style law clerks, to assist them with an ever-growing caseload (reports, November 15, 29). That is a most unfortunate expedient, judging from the long and unhappy experience of American appellate courts, and we trust that Britain will learn from our experience.

The use of judicial assistants, both here and in Britain, is prompted by a desire to saye judicial resources, a goal which can be realised only if the judges delegate significant decision-making authority to them. All judges love delegation; it permits them to avoid personal involvement in the less

interesting cases involving apparently rounine problems of poor persons. British judges will soon realise, of course, that if they here more assistants they can avoid an even larger number of umpleasant and dreary cases. It is but a short step from that realisation to the hiring of assistants who are not responsible to individual judges but to the court as a whole, who do not work under individual judicial supervision and who handle the

least exciting cases of all.

The result, in America at least, is that an ever-increasing number of law cierks bear an ever-increasing responsibility for decision-making. While the real judges reserve their energies for the "important" cases, the clerks effectively decide the "less important" cases involving the poor and powerless. The process seems irreversible once judges realise that more clerks make it easier for the judges to distance themselves from the commonplace problems of the mass of soc-

Politicians embrace the trend towards more judicial assistants because it saves money: they are cheaper than judges. The only losers are the poor — and some vague abstraction called justice.

Yours sincerely. WILLIAM L. REYNOLDS, WILLIAM M. RICHMAN (Toledo Law School), University of Maryland, School of Law. 500 West Baltimore Street. Baltimore, MD 21201-1786. December 30.

Customer service

From Mr.A. D. MacPherson

Sir, The Today programme on Radio this morning spent considerable time on the improvements in customer service as a result of privatisations in the last 17 years, but I wonder if the following example from the US can be improved upon?

Yesterday evening, I was talking on the telephone to a close friend in Newport, Rhode Island. She told me that they had come home after a New Year's Eve party at 1.30am to find that their central heating had broken down (the ambient temperature was 12 degrees below freezing). They rang their oil contractor's repair service and by 3um the installation had been repaired and was in full working order again.

Yours sincerely A. D. MacPHERSON. Stillwaters, East Street. Milborne Port, Sherborne, Dorset. January 2.

Investigations of MPs

From Sir Gordon Downey, Parliamentury Commissioner for

Sir, The article by Andrew Pierce (Tories face poll setback on cash for questions", December 30) is misleading in a number of respects. The facts are as follows:

-- the allegations against Members of

Parliament by Mr Al Fayed and The Guardian gave rise to two inquiries. not one. The first is well advanced: most of the evidence has been heard: and I hope to report my conclusions to the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges early in the New Year. - the second concerns Mr Hamilton and others. So far as possible, this is being conducted concurrently with the first. But the allegations against Mr Hamilton have only recently been confirmed by The Guardian and Mr Al Fayed; and, despite repeated promises, much of the supporting evidence

is still awaited; as yet, The Guardian's allegations against others have not been formally specified nor has the supporting evidence been supplied;

 independent Coursel is assisting me in my inquiries. The Treasury Solicitor is not involved;

resources are not a constraint; nor have I complained of inadequate phonocopying facilities,

- in the absence of relevant evidence, there is no target date for this report but I would hope that the inquiry would be concluded well ahead of a dissolution of Parliament. Publication is a matter for the Select Committee.

Yours faithfully GORDON DOWNEY, House of Commons. December 30.

> Letters for publication may be faced to 0171-782 5040.

MPs' accord over ex-service unit

From Mr Alfred Morris, MP for Manchester Wythenshawe (Lairour and Cu-operative)

Sir. The letter from the Secretary General of the Royal British Legion : December 24) is a timely reminder of the Government's failure to arrest the growth of parliamentary support for my early day motion (19) calling for an ex-service affairs unit in Whitehall to address the problems and needs of exservice people and their dependants.

Indeed, the more strongly ministers criticise the motion, the more support it attracts from MPs of all parties. This is not an issue that divides one side of Parliament from the other. instead it is fast becoming one that divides Government from Parliament as

The letter of the same date from Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish does not help the Government's case. If there were any substance to his fears of "expensive duplication" and "an com layer of bureaucracy", the same would apply just as strongly to the Government's creation of a unit to coordinate its policies on disability is-CES.

Lord Mackay's letter reminds me of a Conservative MPs wise advice to his former colleagues at the Ministry of Defence, when we were campaigning for a better deal for war widows in 1999. He asked them to recognise that the Government's only real choice was whether or not to retreat gracefully. We must hope that this time they make the right choice.

The then Director of the Hong

Kong Water Department - who told me inter alia that he had not been

consulted prior to the decision to hand

over Hong Kong to Communist mis-

rule - assured me in 1992 that Hong

Kong was quite capable of dispensing

with mainland water supplies if nec-

essary. Much had already been done,

by shifting water-intensive industries

onto the mainland, creating reservoirs

between outer islands and using sea-

The shortfall if the Communists cut

off the water supply - which they had never threatened to do; the threat was

entirely the creation of sinophile Brit-

ish mandarins - could have been

made good by disalination. He esti-

mated that this would cost between

£300 million and £400 million, a mite

for the UK budget, wherea: Peking would have lost £150 million a year

from selling water with no alternative

Similarly, HK food suppliers assur-

ed me that were the supplies of fresh

food from the mainland to dry up -

here again there was no threat from

Peking - they could import from the

whole world without any problem,

leaving the Chinese suppliers without

Sir, Of course, as Mr John Even sug-

gests in his letter (December 28), citing

mine of December 21, exchange rates

taken out of their economic context

can be misleading, but a weak econ-omy begets a weak currency. That is

what devaluation has been about. The

pound has done, in many cases, much

worse than other world currencies;

therefore, other than for reasons of

sentiment why should it be so impor-

control the economy; certainly not any

political party in power, here or else-

where. It is too open to gerrymander-

ing. Nor the Bank of England, subser-

vient to government, immersed in the

City "old boy network", that failed in

the BCCI and Barings affairs. If a

Eurobank could run our economy as

well as the Bundesbank has for Ger-

many, then why not? It all depends on

the solidity of the convergence criteria.

we in the UK are chosen by God to

lead the world, superior morally, in-

tellectually, democratically, judicially

and dynamically. This attitude, bor-

dering on zenophobia, is what I find so distasteful in the Europhobic wing.

replaced those quaint but noisy clock-

work devices. Thick lagging and

double glazing, installed primarily for

heat conservation, keep out external

noises. My house is silent, and cer-

Your assessment of the Buddhist on

the mountain confuses solitude and

silence. The two are not synonymous.

With 60 mile an hour winds he may

be alone but he will not enjoy silence.

Spring Lane. Burwash, East Sussex.

tainly quieter than Cader Idris.

Yours faithfully. ADRIENNE MAY,

Nr Walsham, Norfolk.

2 Burton Close.

December 28.

Yours etc.

December 24.

We must stop fooling ourselves that

water for many purposes.

market.

Yours faithfully ALFRED MORRIS, House of Commons. December 30.

Lessons of the past on Hong Kong

From Sir Percy Cradock

Sir. In your leading article, "Midnight chimes" (December 24), you rightly present the termination of the existing Legislative Council and the setting up of the provisional legislature as a serous setback to democracy in Hong Kong. But you omit to mention the cause, namely the British attempt since 1992 to impose unilateral elector-

We had repeated Chinese warnings, going back over years, of what would happen if we took that course. They were disregarded. In consequence, instead of a through-train for an elected legislature, as was agreed with China before 1992, we have a Chinese-appointed body. The provisional legislature is no isolated Chinese act, but the Patten policy come home

We cannot hope to develop sensible policies towards China and Hong Kong in the future if we refuse to face the facts of the past.

Yours faithfully PERCY CRADOCK Reform Club, Pall Mail, SWI. December 27.

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir. Sir Horace Phillips's letter (December 31) is wrong about Hong Kong island's dependence on the mainland for water and food.

Sexism in the Church

Currency control From Miss Adrienne May

Sincerely. ALFRED SHERMAN.

Onslow Square, SW7.

14 Malvern Court,

tant to retain it?

From the Reverend Maicolm A. Johnson

Sir, Would someone please point me in the direction of Prince Charles's "pathetic politically correct progressives" in the Church of England fleading article, "Charles and his Church", December 30]? After 34 years as a priest 1 see no sign of them.

Our bishops, carefully vetted by 10 Downing Street, are chosen by a secret cabal called the Crown Appointments Commission; there are no women bishops or deans and very few women archdeacons, residentiary canons or incumbents. Some congregations will not have their ministrations at any price and have their own bishops.

Homosexual dergy, approximately 15 per cent of the workforce, are told to lead celibate, hidden lives and ethnic minorities still experience the cold shoulder in many congregations. The General Synod continues to be obsessed with ecclesiastical legislation and internal problems

A few politically correct progressives might bring us some much needed new life in 1997.

Yours faithfully. MALCOLM JOHNSON (Master), The Royal Foundation of Saint Katharine. 2 Butcher Row, E14.

Sounds of silence

From Mr Eric R. Stevens

150 years ago

From Mr Colin R. Riches

Sir, Your leading article, "Imperfect peace" (December 24), considering the relationship of noise and peace was. I feel, unnecessarily one-sided.

Why should the noise of bleepers be any less acceptable than the noise of church bells? Surely there was a case for balancing the issue by identifying some, at least, of the benefits of modem technology in overcoming noise.

My nights are now totally undisturbed owing to the marvels of silent digital clocks and watches which have

Sir, Your third leader, "A good shelf

life" (December 30), certainly makes

out a convincing case for 1847 as a vin-

tage year for the English novel. How-

ever this "annus mirabilis" is even

more distinguished if one adds the

name of Anthony Trollope, whose first

novel. The Macdermois of Bally-cloran, was presented to the "dear

In 1929 the novelist Sir Hugh Wal-

pole declared it to be "almost in the

reader" in that self-same year.

first flight of Trollope".

19 Church Street, Hereford.

COLIN R. RICHES.

Canuchine House.

Yours faithfully.

December 31.

Ribbons or bows?

From Dr Helen Walters

ERIC R. STEVENS,

Scotney, Southover Place,

Sir. In a recent trade paper I read with interest an article about bow-ties. The ability to don one small item of clothing that instantly made you "stand out from the crowd" and appear "distinctive, artistic and thoughtful" was very attractive.

My only problem is, as a female GP, what do I wear to achieve the same effect?

Yours sincerely, HELEN WALTERS. 34 New Road, Whitehill, Hamoshire.

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'Perilous state' of theatre funding

From Sir Peter Hall

Sir, I must take issue with Richard Morrison. In his round-up of the arts in 1990 ("Cheers, tears and a lot of hot air". December 28) he wrote: "The wails about falling subsidy were as doleful as ever, particularly from the-

This is almost worthy of a Tory Arts Minister in full voice. Shouldn't Mr Morrison be backing the theatre people? Has he not noticed the perilous state of funding of our regional theatres? Doesn't he know that they provide our future audiences as well as our future professionals? Doesn't he know that the finances of our major national companies are dangerously fragile? If he really believes that there is enough money for the arts, I beg

him to think again.

Morrison, after his gibe, continues: Yet Sir Peter ... announced six new plays and much else for the revitalised Old Vic". The Old Vic season is the result of

the philanthropy of two Canadians. David and Edward Mirvish. They have saved the Old Vic, refurbished it and are backing the season. The fact that I have been lucky enough to have generous patrons should not be used to obscure the current very real woes of the theatre.

Yours sincerely. PETER HALL The Peter Hall Company at the Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SEI. December 30.

Winning spirit

From Mrs Eloise Akpan

Sir, Matthew Parris describes Mrs Frances Lawrence as a victim (article, December 23). It is exactly because of her refusal to lie down and be a victim that I, for one, voted for her as the Today programme's Personality of the

She is a fighter, and let us hope that with the help of the rest of us she turns out to be a winner in her campaign.

Yours faithfully. ELOISE AKPAN, 28 Huristone Road, SE25. December 24.

Penny wise

From Mr David Buchan

Sir. The new £2 coins (report and picture. December 18) are all very well. The real requirement are 99p and 49p coins.

Such denominations would save so much hassie at checkout tills - not to mention wear and tear on purses and trouser pockets. For once a penniless state would be something of a bonus. Yours faithfully,

DAVID A. BUCHAN, 13 Daimler Way, Wallington, Surrey. December 24.

And by the way . . .

Mr Even asks whom I would like to From Mrs Muriel Teece

> Sir. in this wonderful age of wordprocessing, when a mistake, an extra paragraph, any further thoughts can so easily be deleted from or inserted into the typewritten work, why do so many of the mailshots I receive from banks, double-glazing firms, MPs etc have a PS?

Yours faithfully, MURIEL TEECE, 32 Belgrave Road, Great Boughton, Chester.

Eye of the beholder

From Mrs Anneue Haswell

Sir, New parents are nowadays to be congratulated on producing, according to the births columns, beautiful daughters, handsome sons, enchanting twins.
We got boiled-looking, angry ba-

bies; where did we go wrong? Yours faithfully,

ANNETTE HASWELL The Grey House, Lyminge, Folkestone, Kent.

Fathers who smoke

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, I wrote (letter, December 30) to reassure smoking fathers "who have young children. My eldest child, Christopher, now writes (January I) to inform you that he is 52 today.

This is indisputable but not entirely relevant. My youngest. Sean, turned 15 in November.

Yours faithfully, JOHN KILBRACKEN, Killegar. Co. Leitrim. January I.

Real time?

From Dr Kenneth Swinburne

Sir. There is surely something very strange about a wristwatch, as advertised on your Iront page (December 23), with an implicit life of 4.5 billion years, and a guarantee of only three years. Can you advise?

Yours sincerely, KENNETH SWINBURNE. 16 Foxhill Crescent. Leeds, West Yorkshire. December 23

SOCIAL **NEWS**

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association. will visit the London International Boat Show, Earls Court. London SW5, on January 8.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Pre-mium Bond draw for January. 1997 was won with bond number 26PB 176238. The winner lives in South Yorkshire, and has a bond holding of £6,000.

Birthdays today

Brigadier Sir John Anstey, former president, National Savings Com-mittee, 90; Mr David Atherton, mittee, 90; Mr David Atherton, conductor, 53; Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, 59; Mr John Bamborough, former Principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 76; Mr Michael Barratt, broadcaster, 69; Mr Victor Borge, pianist and comedian, 88; Mr Keith Brookman, trade unionist, 60; Sir Robin Butlee, Cabinet Supreparty 59; Sir Butler, Cabinet Secretary, 59; Sir Bryan Carsberg, former Director-General, Office of Fair Trading. 58: Mr Fran Cotton, former rugby player, 49; Sir Alastair Forbes former president. Court of Appeal Gibraltar, 89: Mr Mel Gibson, actor, 41: Sir Richard Hanbury-Tenison, Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent, 72: Sir Roy Harding, education consultant, 73: Mr Gavin Hastinga, rugby player, 35; Mr Robert Hughes, MP, 55; Admiral Sir Michael Layard, 61; Miss Anya Linden, former balle-rina, 64; Sir George Martin. mposer and record producer. 71: Mr Eric Martlew, MP, 48; Carol Mather, former MP, 78: Mr Siegmund Nissel, former member. deus Quartet. 75: Sir John Riddell, extra equerry to the Prince of Wales, 63; Miss Eirlys Roberts, former deputy director, Con-sumers' Association, 86; Mr Graham Ross Russell, former chairman, EMAP. 64; Mr Nicholas Scheele, chairman and chief executive, Jaguar, 53; Mr Michael Schumacher, racing driver, 28; Mr R.R. Steedman, architect. 68; Mr Matthew Taylor, MP. 34: Mr John Thaw, actor, 55; Mr David Vine, sports commentator, 62.

Scottish judiciary

Lord Cullen to be Lord Justices Clerk in succession to Lord Ross who will retire on January 7. Lord Cullen is a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland. He chaired the Court of Inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster and undertook the public inquiry into the Dunblane tragedy.

Appointment

Sir Timothy Garden succeeds Professor Sir Laurence Martin as

Magnificent Edwardian courts are back in session again

Northern splendour survives £1.2m refit

BY MARCUS BINNEY ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

WORKMEN are putting the finishing touches to an im-maculate E1.2 million restoration of one of the finest groups of law courts in the North of England. The magnificent Edwardian Sessions House in Preston looked doomed when new combined courts opened a decade ago in the town but rising demand for court space has led the Lord Chancellor's Department to refurbish the old building for continued use.

Brian Tower, the project architect at the Hurd Rolland Partnership, said: "We have had to make quite a few changes but our brief was that at the end of the job noone should be aware of

The latest Home Office regulations demand facilities that many old court buildings do not provide, including separate access for witnesse and jury members.

"We have reversed all the furniture in the courtrooms so that witnesses come in from the same side as the judges and share their privacy," Mr Tower said.

A court spokesman ex-plained: "The High Court judges will sit here on more serious cases. The old courtrooms have the advantage of much larger public galleries, taking 40 people rather than 20. Seats are separated by a central aisle so that in a tense murder trial, the victim's family can be seated on one side and the defendant's on the other with a security guard in between."

At the same time the central dock in each court, which seated only four, has been enlarged to take eight or more. "Defendants in the old days must have been much slimmer." was one comment. Preston's handsome Ses-

sions House was designed to complement the magnificent Greek Revival Harris Library and Art Gallery next door which was completed 12 tion and detailing was done



The superbly refurbished hall of the Edwardian Sessions House at Preston

years earlier. The court's 170ft-high tower is a match for the spires of Wren's City of London churches and the bold Baroque façades with elaborate wrought iron balconies have the sophistication of French 18th-century public buildings. The courts were designed by the Lancashire county architect, Henry Littier the Younger, who also designed the girls' grammar school at Lancaster. The sculpture including statues of Hercules and Britannia and much of the interior decora-

largely to the designs of Gilbert Seale, responsible for much of the sculpture at the Old Bailey in London.

When the court reopens next month, the judges will once again use their own imposing stone staircase and the public gather under a magnificent domed hall with a black and white marble floor. The twin courts are as sumptuous as many City livery hails, with a distinctly northern touch of polished green glazed tiles on the lower walls.

the refurbished courts have interviewing rooms for law yers, robing rooms, child waiting rooms, and even a smoking room for what will be a no-smoking building. They are wired for video links allowing child witnesses to give evidence without enter-

James Stevenson, the partner in charge of the project at Hurd Rolland, said: "You can get more out of an old building than a new one, providing exciting spaces and showing there is life in the old

Forthcoming marriages

M. T.E. Burchet

Mr A.J. Perham and Miss A.E.M. Napier

The engagement is announced een Andrew, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Perham, of Plymouth, Devon, and Araminta, younger daughter of the late the Hon Greville Napier and of the Hon Mrs Greville Napier. of Treyford, West Sussex.

Mr W.St.G.A. Catalet and Miss O.P. Jilina The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, of London and Whiteparish, Wilshire, and Olga, younger daughter of Colonel Pavel Jilin, of Nikolaev,

Ukraine, and Dr Nadejda Jilina, of Moscow, Russia. Mr E.D.V. Bevan and Mim D.K. Black

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr N.V. Bevan, of Shiplake, and Mrs A.G. Phillips, of Stanford, and Deborah daughter of Captain J.T. Black and Mrs G. Black, of Titchfield, Hampshire.

Mr M. Brown and Miss G. McDerinos The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs David Brown, of Weeley, Reservand Geraldine, young daughter of the late Mr Francis McDermott and of Mrs Elizabeth McDermott, of Liverpool. Mr J.A. Commissaris

and Miss J.M. Warhurst The engagement is announced between Jeroen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Augustinus Commissaris, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Warhurst. of Sheffield. South Yorkshire.

Mr G.C. de Castro Canelas and Miss S.E. Matord The engagement is announced between Gonzalo, youngest son of Senhor José Jorge Canelas and Senhora Maria Fernanda

Combra de Castro Canelas, of Golega, Portugal, and Sarah, el-dest daughter of Dr and Mrs Tim Mitford, of Buriton, Hampshire. Mr A.K.O. Gozeth and Miss C.J. Shaw

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The engagement is amounced between Alistair, son of Mr John
Gough, of Faringdon, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Pat Gough, of Clifton, Bristol, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sean Shaw, of Durban, South Africa.

and Miss A.L. Dunlop The engagement is announced between Tony, son of Mr. and Mrs E.F. Burchett, of Pembury, Kent, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Tony Dunlop, of Lindfield, Mr M.N.S. Edwardes and Miss L.M. Granville

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Ionathan Edwardes, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Granville. Mr R.R. Grisenthwaite and Miss M.W.M. Veltman The engagement is announced between Richard Roy, only son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Grisenthwaite.

of Kirkcaldy, Fife, and Marijcke Wilmpaje Maria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Velman, of veton. Norfolk. Mr G.J. Holden

The engagement is announced between Greg, son of Mr and Mrs. David Floiden. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Thompson, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Mr G.P.C. Mackay

and Miss C. Boscley
The engagement is announced
between Gikes, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Oliver Mackay, of Diss,
Norfolk, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs Peter Boseley of Stanmore, Middlesex Mr C.F. Maxwell

and Miss D.K.ff. Campbell The engagement is announced between Clayton, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Maswell, of Yeshiri Farm, Chisipite, Harare, Zimbabwe, and Dhala, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.R.II. Campbell, of Mr and Mrs N.R.II. Campbell, of Mr. and Mrs N.R.II. Campbell, of Mr. and Mrs N.R.II. Campbell, of Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. A.R.II. Campbell, of Mrs Carterhaugh, Selkirk, Scotland: Mr M.G. Pipe and Miss K.L. Bell

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Lieuter-ant-Colonel and Mrs David Pipe, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Bell, of Llangedwyn, Powys. Mr.M.R. Prestou

end Miss K. Weitakes The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Brigs dier and Mrs Roger Presson, of Thornthorpe. North Yorkshire, and Kate, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Whitsaker, of Ravensmoor, Cheshire.

and Miss I.M. Bailer The engagement is announced hetween Alian, elder son of Mr John MacDonald, MBE, GMHG, and Mrs MacDonald, of Glearothes, Fife, and Imogra-younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bailey, of Walton on II)KI

Mr C.I.T. Morris and Ms D.J. Clements

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Morris, of Mr and Mrs John Huttis, of Halstead, Kent, and Dyan, youn-gest daughter of the isre Mr Peter Clements and of Mrs Thelma Clements, of Pakuranga, Auck-land, New Zealand.

Signor R. Rampini and Miss J. Armstrong
The engagement is announced between Romano, son of Signori Rampini, of Galoi-in-Chianti, Missian Maria Siena, Italy, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Armstrong, of Lydeard St Law

Mr M.L. Robson
and Miss K.E. Longuan
The engagement is announced
between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Clifford Robson, of North Cave; Humberside, and Karen, daught of Mr and Mrs lain Longman

likley, West Yorkshire. Mr G.R.H. Scott and Miss S.L. Daniels

The engagement is amounced between George, san of Mr and Mrs Peter Scott, of Egglescliffe, of Cleveland, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Daniels, of Ringwood, Hampshire." Mr A.V. Schenini

and Miss WJ. Robertson The engagement is announced between Adriano, only son of Mr and Mrs Sandro Schenini, of Finchiey, London, and Wendy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. lain Robertson, of Whitecraigs,

Cantain R.C. Steptoe and Miss J. Davis The engagement is unnounced between Captain Rupert Charles Steptoe, The Descrishire and Dors set Regiment, son of Lleutenant Colonel and Mrs Robert Steptoe, of Crockerton, Wiltshire, and Julie, daugines of the late Mr Malcolm

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcus Tullius Cicero. Roman crator and stateman, Arphum, Latium, (068C: Sir. James Stephen, colonial admin-istrator and historian, Lambeth, 1789; Robert Whitehead, inventor, Rolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, 1823; Clement Attice, 1st Earl Attice, Prime Minister 1945-51, London, 1883; Herbert Morrison, Baron ses: rieruert Morrison, Saron Morrison of Lambeth, statestran. London, 1888: James Bridle (Os-borne Henry Mayor), dramatist, Glasgow, 1888: L.R.R. Tolicier, 1923; William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw), traitor, executed, London, 1946; Edwin Muhr, writer, Cam-bridge, 1959; Conrad Hilton, hotel

DEATHS: Josiah Wedgwood, pot-ter, Bursiem, Staffordshire, 1795; Rachel (Elisa Pelix), actress, Cannes, 1858; Pierre Larousse, leocographer, 1875; William 15**2**L The slege of Sidney Street took' place when anarchists led by "Peter the Painter" were besieged. novelist, Reigare, Surrey, 1852; James Elroy Flecker, poet, Davos, Switzerland, 1915; Jaroslav Hasek, novelist, Lipnice, Czechoslovakia.

Howard Carter disc sercophagus in the tomb of Tutankhammi in the Valley of the Sir Edmund Hillary reached the South Pole, 1958.

Martin Luther, founder of Prof- E2,300 million to Britain, 1977.

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God gave me the privilege of taying the formation like a skilled master builder; others put up the building. Let each take care how be builds. I Corinthians 3: 10

BIRTHS

ARRES - On Christman Eve, to Davins (née Morris-Jones) and Bichard, a son, Felix Henry. BAMBALE - On December 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Fatims and M. Bambale, Abmal, a brother for Aliya Abubakar and Amin.

for Eatle.

CARY - On December 31st
1996, to Nathaniel and Sally
Ann (nee Taylor), a precious
daughter, Alice Rosamond
Ann, a sister for jounthan,
Sarah and Robert.

Patrick.
COOPER - On 28th December at The Portland Hospital, to Jayne and Simon, a son, Tobias Nationalel, a brother Tobles Nathaniel, a brother for Ashley and Benjamin.
DEORNO - On 20th December 1996 at 5t Mary's Hospital, London, to David and Lens (née Beleva), a beautiful daughter, Alekandra Lorayne DeOrio.

DeCon.
FARRHERE - On 29th December 1996, to Helen (nés Salka) and Fanl, a son, Harry Joseph, a hrother Lor Alica, kobel, Grace and Max.
FQL2 - On December 28th, 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Melanie and Hospital, to Melanie and Roland, a lovely daughter, Markas Alexa, a sister for Hannah Sophila.
GMEEN - Douglas and Emma

Hananh Sophia.

GREFN - Douglas and finna
(note Libson) are thrilled to
announce the arrival of
Folly Rose, our beautiful
first born chifd, on
December 25th 1996.

KAME. - On Christmas Eve at
The Portland Hospital, to
Muria and Serven, a precious
daughter, Francesce, a baby
sinter for Elynot.

KABIMS - Adnam. a ron to

lives. a new year, and inshallah, a wonderful future, We love you. KHAN - On 1st Innuary 1997 21 1206 am, to Mahvesh and

at 12100 am, to Manyest and finakhar, a dappher. Staccints! - To Eatherin and Andrew, on December 21st 1996, at Harrogate, North Yorks, a son, Alexander (Alec) James Joseph, a brother for Antonia and Hooth. Roga, MACKAY - On December 20th

1996, to Anne-Marie (p. Barrett) and James, daughter, Emilia Rose. taughtes, containing five, to Diane (nee Grige) and john a son, Robert Thomas John, a brother for Christopher and Clare. CRISSONAR MRI CARE
HOSYNS - On 15th December,
in New York, to Entle (nos
Exchells) and Reitz, a son,
Hendrick Willem Albert, a
brother for Frana.

Stother for rama. TAMFORD - On Christmas Day in the Sultman of Oman, to Fiona (nie Dear) and Richard, a son, Oliver Nicholus Richard. Micholos Eigenard.
TEITSY - On 29th December, to
Sophie and Alexander, a
daughter, Alice Mand.
WEATHERAIL - To Claim and
Petry in Hong Kong, on 2nd
January, a daughter.

WHITEHEAD - On 27th December in New York, to Peule (née Munts) and Richard, a daughter,

Richard, a daughter Josephine Kelly. YAMBLE - On December 14th 1996, to Joanna (nos Rowell) and Peter, a fine son, Harry George, a brother for Alice, Emma and Este.

DEATHS

BERTHS

Adpuse - Henry Godfrey on December 31st aged 39, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Upminster Grematorium on Monday 13th January at 230 pm. Family flowers only to E.E. Farrer Funeral Directors, High Street, Sillericay.

ATTAMASTO - Salvatore from Hotel San Pletro, Positano. Suddenly, at his home, on the evening 31st December. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends around the world. Funeral Service at the Cathedral S.M. Assunta di Positano, 2nd January 1997 at 3 pm. No flowers please.

at 3 pm. No flowers please.

BARKER-BEHFIELD - On

Decamber 30th, George Vare,
much loved husband of Gig,
father of Cherles and
grandfother of Ecderick,
Marieke and Willenym.
Funemi Service at St Power's
Catholic Church, Budleigh
Salverton, Wednesday
January 8th at 10,30 am
followed by cremation.
Family flowers only please,
donations if wished to
Hospiscane, clo The Health
Centre, Budleigh Salveton,
End 61S.

BARTON - Chita Worries

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BARTON - Colin Wortley, peacefully at home on 30th December. Greatly loved humbund of Effic, father and grandfather. Funeral St Richael and All Angels, Highelere, 2 pm Friday 10th January, No flowers burdomations, if desired, to The Asthma Research Council or The Berkshire Councy Blind Society.

Society.

Beschiam - On New Years Day
1997 Violet Nancy of
Inversess in her 39th year,
beloved wife of the late
John, peacefully in her sleep.
Dear mother of Linda, CP,
and Nell Febr and the late
Piona and Martin. Service in
St Johns Church, Southride
Boad, Inversess on Monday
6th January 1997 at 12
noon, Frowers if desired to
the Funeral Directors John
Fracer & Son, Chapel Street,
Inversess.

BLACKHAM - Muriel W of Cambridge, widow of Cyrll Blackman, pencefully at Addenimonies Hospital, on Monday 30th December 1996, aged 58 years, Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday 10th January at 12.30 pm. Family Flowers only please. Jamany St. 1230 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be stade for Eminame! United Reformed Church e/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

Fark, Cambridge.

BREDGE - Violet Mary, passed pencefully away on Monday 30th December 1996 at Syrtie Hospital, Reading-Pupean Service to be held in the Church of St James. Etc. in Wednesday 8th January 1997 at 2 pm. All exquiries of Townia Readings. Physmas, Oxfordshire, ed. (01491) 573370.

DEATHS

Brittain - On December 27th peacefully in hospital Francis Ernest George (Funt) and 84 of Ashford, Hiddleser, Funeral Service on jamusy 7th at S.WMC. (Harwerth) 12.45 pm. Family flowers only, donations in Hen to The Princess Alica Hospitae etc. Lodge Bros. telt (01784) 2822246.

SNOWN - Pescetully at home after a short Illness on 29th December 1996, Sir William C.B.E. aged 67 years. Beloved husband of Nancy, dearly loved father of Eate, lanke, kobern and Sarah, treesured granditather of Patrick, jamie and Madeleine and n dear brother of Roy. Private cremation, Memorial Service at Glasgow Cathedral on Seturday 11th January 1997 at 11 am.

BNYMELDSEM - Rigar Liversage on December 27th 1996 pencefully at St Mary's Hospital, London, aged 101 years. Born in Bergen, Norway, Edgar survived his dear wife Elleen by 16 years and is sodly missed, Private funeral at Purney Vale Cemetery Friday January 17th. No flowers by request, Enguides to LH, Kenyon F/D tale (0171) 229-3810.

Berrington on 24th December at Middle Ucheldre, Begriew. Penezal St. Lecturals, Minery 11.30 am Sth January.

CORNWALL - Canon John

GORWALL - Canon John Whitwore, Mission Priest UMCA 1933-1954 Rectur of Minchinhampton 1959-1972 of Strout, Glos. peacefully on December 31st aged 96 years. Funeral Requiem at Minchinhampton Parish Church on Thursday January 9th at 1215 pm followed by cremation at Gloucester. Family flowers only, domatons in lieu may be sent for USPG. Co Philip Ford & Son, Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscrops Road, Stroud, Glos.

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Cromes, Norioux, Nazz val.

Dix - Charles Beartie (Tim) on
December 30th 1976 ayed
84, beloved hunband of the
late Decothy and much loved
half-brother, uncle and
consin Commiton Service at
Exeter Crematorium on
Thesday 7th January 1997
at 3 pm. No Howers. All
onquisites to Coombes &
Sons, 73 Fore Street, Bovey
Thacey, Devon.

Buttles . Frances Mary (me

DUTHE - Frances Mary (nee Montesole) aged 84 died peacefully at home on December 31st 1996, beloved mother of Felicity and Sarah, much loved genemother to lames and Christopher, Benjamin and Sophie and, great-grandmuther to Emily, Family service only.

COWAK - William Graham, died 1st January 1997. All details to follow in Saturday's paper. DAVIS - Cyrll Kenneth of DAVIS - Cyril Kenneth of Shepperton, postefully aged 87 at St Peter's Hospital, Cherkey, and December 31st 1996, after a long illness. Much loved hashand of Dora and tather of Lois, Guvin and Lynda and dearly loved grandlather to their children Fuscual Service at St Nicholas Church, Shepperton, Hiddisers, at 11am on Tuesday january 7th 1997. Family Howers only, donations, it desired, to Altheimer's Diseases Society may be sent of G. Boutell & Son Funeral Directors, 50 High Road, Bytlees, Surrey, K714 7GL, tel: (01932) 345037.

Sth January.

CLARKE - Susan (née Rowlands) on 31st December 1996 aged S7 after a long Hasses borns always with courage and hope. Beloved wife of David, devoted mother of Sarah, Deborah and Sinon, daar sister of Joan, fond aunt of Harriet. Matthew and Sarbam and loved by a wide circle of family and friends. Funesal at Stever's Church, Hale, on Tuesday 7th January 1997 at 845 am, followed by a private committal at Dunham Crematorium. Plowers and/or donations to Campar Research may be forwarded to C.L. Birkett Funesal Director, 111 Higher Bond, Urnsten, Manchester, tel: (0161) 746-8242.

CLERKE-BROWN - Colonel Archus, on December 27th 1996, aged 84 years, Funeral Service 12 noon, Friday January 10th at St Peter's and St Faul's Parish Church, Aston Rowant. Family Nowers only please, but donations, if desired, to The Brunt Servania Benevolent Society or The Injured lockey Fund elo Surman & Rowwood KS, 25 High Street, Princes Bishorough, RP27 GAE.

COOKE - Lt. Col. Conrad Beginald Cooks, ORE, CERR. PIEE, passed peacefully away on December 27th eged 95 years. He will be sadly missed by his daughters. Elisabeth, Marjorie and Resy, and all his friends and family. Gremation to be held at Tunbridge. Wells Crematorium en January 14th at 2 pm Family Rowers only. Donations to The Alpine Club, clo F/D LR. Hickmott, 41 Grove Hill Ecod, Tunbridge Wells (01892) 522462. Short service at Warboungh later.

rel: (01252) 22281.
ROMLER - On Z7th Desember 1996 tragically at their home in Cloudield. Oxfordshire, Geoffrey and Joan, the dearly loved surants of Daryl and Sarah. Fursana Sarvice St Mary the Virgin.

Bampton, Oxfordshire on Thunday 9th January at 2,45 pm. Family flowers only, but desations it desired for St Supherix Church, Clandield may be sent of Baker & Sona, Cardinal House, 5 Pack Ross, Cardinal House, 5 Pack Ross, Faringdon, Oxon.

Pagestwall - John Willoughby,

Cardinal House, 5 Pauli Road,
Saringdon, Oxon.
PARREWALL - John Willoughby,
Lt. Cdr. (Berired), Suddenly
in hospital on December
31st, aged 68. Sadly missed
by family and friends.
Cremation at 5t Faith,
Korwich at 2.30 pm on
Fidday lanuary 10th.
GARMETT - On December 31st,
1996, peacefully at home
efter long filmers bome with
courage and dignity, Diam
Lescelles, much loved wife
of Peter and mother of
Victoria, Anthony, Comelia
and William, Gandmother of
Victoria, Anthony, Comelia
and William, Gandmother of
Enma, India, Charlie,
Arabella, Olivia, Edwin and
Locia, Private family funcal.
Thubusgiving Service at St.
Mark's, Peaslake, on Friday
24th Jeanuary, 1997 at
2.20pm. Donations. if
desired, to BACOP, 3 Beth
Flace, Rivington Street,
London ECZA 31R.
GOWERG - Alice Gwendolya.

London ECZA 312.

COMMEG - Alice Gerndolyn, eldest daughter of the Interest and the Gerndolyn, eldest daughter of the Interest and Edward and Alice E. Gowing, a beloved sixter, died peacefully 2nd january, aged 91 years. Funeral Service United Reform Church, Seafond, on Monday 12th January at 10:30 am followed by cremation at Easthouine Crematon at Easthouine Crematons, if pratered, Save The Children Flowers or donations, if pratered, Save The Children Fund of Coopper & Son, 19 Clinton Flace, Seafond, SRUE 114 (01323) 492666. GOZZETT - Arthur Joseph died on 27th Decamber 1996. Funetal to be held on Policy 10th January 1997 at 2 pm at Chelineford Crematorium, Family Gowers unly please. Family Covers only please.
GREEMAN: Elsie peacefully
on 31st December aged 94.
Service at St Michael and All
Angels Church, Wartletd,
11am 8th January followed
by cremation at St Johns
Crematorium, Hermitage
Road, Weding, 1 pm. Family
and friends flowers.
Department of the Samily
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and Friends Allowers.
Department of Lines Samilyter,
69 High Street, Assol.
Markeff - George Roas

69 High Street, Ascot.

MARKER - George Ross
Willmott, On January 2nd
1997 peacatulty at lvydens
Nutsing Home, lvybridge,
Devon, in his 90th year.
Belgeed husband of the late
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Sunn and Peter and deanly
10-red grandpa. Funeral
Service at St. Peter and St.
Paul Church, Ermington,
1-vybridge, Devan, on Priday
10th January 1997 at 2 pm,
10110 but to committee.
Enquiries to Walter C.
Pauson, tek (01752) 690909.

Haves - Physics peacefully on 30th December aged 94 years. Widow of Harold, much loved by her children, Brian and Shella, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service and Internet at Sectionism Communium and Communium and Communium, at 1.30pm Monday 13th January. Family flowers only. Jonations if desired to Christadelphian Rest Homes, Fainhavan, 23 Knyveton Boad, Bournemouth, Beil 300.

December 27th 1996
pacefully in hospital aged
BB. Much loved and sadly
missed by Helen, Katie,
Devid and the grandchildren.
Cremation on Priday January
10th at Leatherhead
Crematorium at 1.20 pm.
Family flowers only.
Donations if wished to
Downswals Nursing Rome,
Pitham Lane, Dorking EH4
1PT. Hills - Ann Susan, on 31st December 1996, suddenly, deeply mourned by her sons, father, brother and numerous friends.

MICHAELY - On December 20th at Westvills Nursing Home, Renford, English Sanwdun aged 91 yang. The belowed husband of Mary, Funstal Service at Camston Church at 2.15 pm on Monday 6th Jampary 1997. No flowers please but donations to Renford Hospice Case of E. Burton and Son Ltd. 73 Grove Street, Retford, Nottioghamshirk.

MANAPHERY - Esther Berbarz
Loder, on let January 1997,
the day before her 94th
birthday, peacefully at
Neffield Care Centre,
Beddill Much loved mother,
grandmother-and greatgrandmother-and greatgrandmother-Bungral
Service on Monday 6th
January at 230 pen at All
Saines Church, Senderstund,
followed by private
cremation, No flowers.

cremation, Po Howers.

KELV - On December 29th 1996 peacefully at Warsham Hospital, Dorset, Violet, aged 91 years. Dearest sharer of None. Funeral Service in the Church of Lady St. Marry, Warsham, Derest on Monday 6th James 1997 at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Florers and enquiries to Albert Marsh (Funeral Effectors) Ltd, St. Michaels Road, Warsham, Dorset, 3820 4QU, Tel: (01929) 552107.

COCK - Eathleen Dorothy (miss joily), belowed wife of the large of Camberley on 2 for Cam

LANG - On 21st December 1996, Robert Antony Lung, TD, beloved husband for 54 years of Laborato Mangare (nee Alcock), father of Lung, and Im. 10 forms plants. Donarious if white to Army Reproduct Fund, q/o Crowtons, Funeral Directors, Barawell, 22. Cumdle, Petarborough PES STA A mental Service iff be held at King's Cliffe Parish Church, Northamptonshire on Wednesday, 8th January 1997 at 12.30 pm.

LAWSON - Windred (née Godirey), at Barts (SRN), died in her 85th year, on 30th December 1996, an adored wife, mother and good citizen in war and peace. Funeral Sarvice 12 mon, Saturday 4th January at The Californes Crematorium, Ameraham. Flowers to Surma & Houwood Fis, The Green, Crowell, nr. Chinner, Com.

LITTLE - Green died pencentity
in The Silverwood Norsing
Home on let lanuary 1997.
Loving wife of the late Ivan,
mother of David, inother-ininv of Virian, grandmother
to Timothy and Lucinda.
Funeral arrangements,
service and cremation at
Brancote Crematorium.
Nottingham, ou Thursday
16th Immury at 1230 pm.
Family flowers only by
request please. All empiries
to AN. Lymn, Trent Bouse,
Station Boad, Section.
Nottingham, tel: (0115)
9220433.

LAWSON - Winifred (n6

Januaro - Ciert Edmond John, Major MC, December 14th 1996 at Watpana Hospital, Udor Thard, Funden Indiana Buddet Funden 100k place in Thailand December 16th. Memorial and Aber at Wa Klengajeun, Vientane, Loc-LE FRUME - Mary Macherian, wife of the late Richard Albred - On New Year's Day, passafully in her own home with her children Richard and Alexis at her side. Punsual Service to be held at Bath Committee on Priday January 10th at 2:30 pm. Requiries to Mannings, tal: (01225) 837955.

LENDON - Pencefully at home on 30th December 1996, after a shoot filmes, Rilen. Beloved wite of Courney and much loved mother. Funemi Savica on Monday 6th lanuary 1997 at 1.16pm at 5. Paul's Church, Sandgate, followed lanur by interment at Hythe Cometery. Flowers or donarions if desired to Cancer Research may be sent to Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kenn. LENDON - Peacefully at hom

Sunsey.

MacWilliam - Pesaciully
30th December 1996, aged
76 years, Erigadier Maurice
LM. MacWilliam, CRE, 1980,
MC, TD, Inte of Queen's
Koyal Ragiment, beloved
Inshand of Norsh, father of
Sheila, Alasdah, John, Hilary,
Lindsay and Gilliam and a
nuch loved grandinther.
Funeral Service at St Mary's
Chmich, Dedham, Beser on
Thunday 9th January 1997
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41 Queen's Gate, London,
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many memories, of a vary
special man, with love
Elisabeth, Moya, Victoria and
Isson. Cremetion has taken
pince. Memorial Service on
9th January at \$1 James
Lanck, Weybridge, Surrey,
at 3 pm.

Camela, Weytridge, Surrey, at 3 pm.

M.B.S., M.L.C.S., L.R.C.P., tomper General Practitioner of Wochston, Southengrom, peacefully on December 30th 1996 at the Salisbury Hospice, Wiltshire, he died from Motor Neurone Disease, faced and endured with grent dignity and coungs. Beloved hasband of Pamelle, a loving Lather, stupfather and dear pampa to his 10 grandchildren. Cremation private. A Service of Themisspring for his life will take place at Berwick St john Sariel Church, Berwick St john Sariel Church, Berwick St john, Shaftsebrury, Dozsat on Priday 10th january 1997 at 2 pm. All enquiries to Bracket Brothers F.D., Gillingham, Busset, 526 405. pp. 101427 822494. ont (01747) 822494.

MELSON-JOHES - Vern, balowed mother of john, Richard and Rodney, died peacefully at Parkside Hospital.

Wimbledon, on 26th Dacember 1996, Funeral Service at Putney Vale Cametery on Priday 10th Bussay 1997 et 11.45 au. Dunations, if desired, to the ISECC.

PETHICK - Panks. On December 30th, aged 79 after 3 days of pheumonia at 5t Andrey's, Harlishi, Duer little mother of Ann and Julie, mother-inof An and Julie, mother-in-law to Jean-Paul, grandmother to Delphine, No Howers. Do nations to Leukasmia Research Pund and the Inshell Mospice, Hall Grow, Welleyn Gattern City, ALT AFE. Crematorium, Waling, Printy 10th Interny at 2 yea. at 2 ym.

PITHAM - Monica Bevill Close
(nie Studium) of Patroy de
25th Davamber ayed 93
years. Widow of Dr MD.

Pittman OBE. Funeral at
Patroy Valo Companyation on
Fidday 17th January at 1 pm.

MILITAL ASSISTANCE OF THE MANDERS OF

PROUSE - Derek, died on Thursday 26th December in London. Burlal at Golders Green Crematerium, West Chapel, on Saturday 4th January at 11.30 am. No Bowers. Donntons to Cancer Rassauch.

ERSONAL

ROBINSON On 18th December 1996, peacefully like M (Wreng belond wife of the lare Patrick D Robinson and mother to III. Apthony and James Rusen Service at Emphalis Park.

SKINNER - William Junes
F.C.A. of Warfield Bullshine,
Formerly Job West
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and Grandpa to Moth and
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OBITUARIES

Lord Harvington, PC, as Robert Grant-Ferris Conscivative MP for St Paneras North, 1937-45,

for Nantwich, 1955-74, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and Chairman of Ways and Means, 1970-74, died on January 1 aged 89. He was born on December 30, 1907,

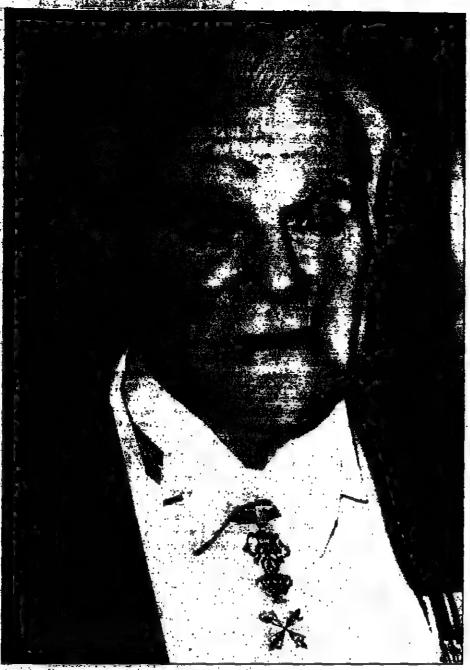
for much of his Commons career Sir Robert Grant-Perris, sitting on the second beach above the gangway next door to the more raucous Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport. seemed to the scribblers in the Gallery like a typical knight of the shires. He was a landowner and a sheep breeder, his recreations were yachting and hunting, and even walking through the Commons corridors he had a good, loping

But although he entered the House during the 1930s he was, in fact, far from being a traditional Tory MP of that era. He went to school in Berkshire at Doual rather than Eton, flew with his county air squadron rather than serving in his county regiment and was the only Tory MP to have been both knighted and created a life. peer by successive Labour governments.

As a politician he became even more devoted to the House than to his party, especially in his later years. when he was Deputy Speaker throughout the premiership of Edward Heath. Robert Grant-Ferris

- as a young man he hyphenated his name, adding an additional "Grant" in the process — was the son of a general practitioner, Dr Robert Francis Ferris. After leaving school, he entered a firm of estate agents and surveyors which what links with his family.

He had been interested in politics since his schooldays. and in 1933 was elected to Birmingham City Council. He fought the predominantly mining seat of Wigan in the 1935 general election but even the re-election of Stanley Baldwin's National Government had little effect on the result in such a Labour stronghold though blooded, he lost by



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He had semed 605 (County of Warward Squadron of the Auditary Air Force as early as 1933 and when the Second World War drew near he devoted himself to his training as a fighter pilot. By 1939 he had become one of his squadron's Bight commanders and he went on is serve in France, Main, Egyptend India. He left the Air Force to-

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wards the end of the war and almost at once became parlinmentary private secretary to W.S. Morrison, Minister of Town and Country Planning in the Churchill wartime coalition. (He later, after serving for eight years as Speaker, was created Viscount Dunrossil.)

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This first step up the parliamentary ladder led nowhere. however, for in 1945 Harvington was swept aside by the Attlee landslide, losing St Pancras North by 7,630 votes to a

Labour candidate who died during the course of his first Parliament, Perhaps revealingly, Grant-Ferris had not heen re-adopted and did not contest the 1949 by-election in the seat he had represented for

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eight years. Instead, he fought Wands-worth Central without success in both the 1950 and 1951 general elections. It was not until 1955 that he returned to the House as MP for Nantwich. This Cheshire constituency provided him with a safe political home for the rest of his career.

In 1962 he became a member of the panel of chairmen of standing committees in the Commons and continued as one of the House's temporary chairmen until 1970, when he was appointed Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Ways and Means. He had been knighted in 1969, was sworn of the Privy Council in 1971 and created a life peer on Harold Wilson's nomination after he left the House in 1974.

He was a man of wide interests. He worked for many years on the preservation of Britain's inland waterways. Motor yachting was his chief recreation though he devoted considerable efforts to his hunting and golf. He was a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Royal and Ancient at St Andrews, with a period as Honorary Admiral of the House of Commons Yacht Club.

He was a notable breeder of sheep, serving as president of the National Sheep Breeders of Great Britain, 1956-58, and as president of the Southdown Sheep Society of England on three occasions. He was chairman of the board of management of the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth in St John's Wood and was until last November deputy chairman of the board of the Roman Catholic weekly The Tables. From 1949 he had been a Knight Grand Cross of the Sovereign and Military Order of Malts.

Soon after his retirement from the Commons he went to live in Jersey, where his daughter had a home. He was married in 1930 to Florence Brennan de Vine, who predeceased him. He is survived by

AIR VICE-MARSHAL L. T. PANKHURST

Air Vice Marshal L.T. Pankhurst, CB. CBE. former Director General of Personnel of the RAF. died on December 2 aged 94. He was born on August 26, 1902.

IN THE early months of the Second World War, the then Wing Commander L.T. Pankhurst, serving in the Directorate of War Organisation, put up a detailed proposal that Fighter Command prepare to operate over the Continent. He was convinced that an important opportunity was being missed to attack the Luftwaffe during the Battle for France by operating from secure bases in the UK, but with forward landing grounds in France.

tered dawn, and then ignored. Educated at Hampton

Grammar School, Leonard Thomas Pankhurst (universally known as "Pank") joined the Royal Air Force as an acting pilot officer in 1925, following a four-year apprentioeship with Sopwith Aviation. After flying training, he joined No 5 Squadron patrolling the North-West Frontier in India, followed by a twoyear engineering course at Henlow. By 1935 he had joined the Fleet Air Arm, based in the Mediterranean, and was posted to the Air Ministry just before war broke out. To his frustration, it took

was said.

Such a strategy of forward landing grounds, later suc-cessfully exploited by the Desert Air Force, might have helped to destroy German aircraft before they could launch the Battle of Britain. It would also, in Penkhurst's view, have saved pilots' lives by allowing the inexperienced to be nursed through their first operational flights; as it was, the Banle of Brimin saw newly trained pilots sent up against German veterans who had already fought in Spain. Pankhurst's proposal was first wa-

him nearly two years to get out to more active service. Initially this was as Station Commander on Islay, where an airfield and flying boat base were under construction. Within a few months, echoing the situation immortalised in Whisky Galore, a ship loaded with desirable cargo came to grief on the rocks, and an order was

received that anyone "rescuing" items must be stopped. Pankhurst informed the Air Ministry that the order was unenforceable unless they were prepared to give permission to shoot "rescuers" on sight. After that, nothing more

In 1942 he was posted to Headquarters Mediterranean Allied Air Forces under General Eisenhower, responsible for forward Allied Air Forces Planning, including the Tunisia campaign and the inva-sions of Sicily and Italy. Twice mentioned in dispatches, he was promoted to Air Commodore, appointed CBE and



awarded the American Legion of Merit. He made friends there with the author Thornton Wilder, who incorporated some of their shared experiences into subsequent books.

Pankhurst got on well with the Americans, appreciating their "can do" attitude and lack of officious restrictions. He himself had no compunction about cutting through red tape, or seizing opportunities for enterprise. As a young man he would never have passed his medical into the Royal Air Force in the first place if he had not simulated knee reflexes which were in fact unaccountably absent, a practice he continued in every medical for the rest of his

Returning to England in 1945, he became Air Officer Commanding No 44 Group Transport Command, responsible for flying control and all ferrying of aircraft, home and rseas. This was followed by

the post of Assistant Commandant of the RAF staff college, and he moved on to be Director of Staff Training at the Air Ministry in 1949

There he found the situation far from satisfactory, with many training manuals unchanged since the war, and no impetus or clear responsibility for their overhaul, or for training in general. "We do not seem to be achieving pride of service or enthusiasm. Half the RAF appears to be asleep, and the other half bewildered," he reported, putting forward a formula for immediate reform.

In 1950 he went to Kenya as Officer Commanding RAF East Africa, where he and his wife made Nairobi's Air House a popular stopover for political, business and Service guests. But with the colony suffering the eruptions of the Mau Mau, the situation was far from merely social.

Pankhurst's gift for understanding and handling people soon led to the job of Director. of Postings in the Air Ministry, and then Director General of Personnel (i).

He retired in 1957 and, after a spell as group personnel officer of a manufacturing company in the North West. he decided to branch out on his own. Pankhurst and Partners gave free rein to his enterprise and management skills, in consultancy work for local firms, residential management courses, and one-day conferences on the European Economic Community for company directors. With his wife he also built up a recruitment agency. He finally retired at the age of 74.

His time in retirement was much taken up with the upkeep and repair of his beloved house overlooking the river at Chester (to which, in 38 years, no builder, carpenter, plumber or electrician was ever given entrance). Few concessions were made to his increasing years. At the age of 70 h signed up for a hang-gliding course; in his eighties he learnt to cook in order to look after his wife; aged 93 he was casually climbing ladders to tend the roof, 50 feet up.

He leaves his widow Ruth, whom he married in 1939, a

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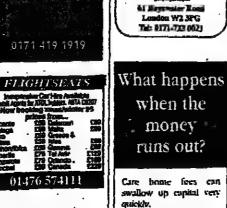
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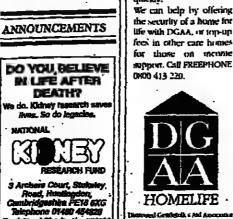
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John Burgess, CBE, former national coach to the Rugby Football Union, died on January 1 aged 72. He was born on November 8, 1924. ENGLISH rugby union has lost one of its most passionate

supporters - and one of its inveterate critics - with the death of John Burgess. There were no half-measures about Burgess, a product of the North Country who saw mat-ters in either black or white. In his later years, most of the images he perceived where his favourite sport was concerned were black. Only last July he made an outspoken denuncia-tion of RFU officers and policies at the union's annual meeting, where he described rugby's "nouveau riche" interests being given precedence over traditional supporters of the game.

Burgess was sometimes an uncomfortable companion in committee rooms; but no more sincere a man ever worked on behalf of rugby union. When he was England coach, newcorners to the team were frequently surprised to find that a Burgess pep talk includ-ed grasping the rose on the England jersey and lifting the occupant bodily from his seat: "When you get tired and there's ten minutes to go." he would say, "take a look at this rose and ask yourself what it means to you."

Commitment to the cause was all to Burgess. He had no

JOHN BURGESS

could not or would not offer the passion which he himself felt for English rugby. When he was the national coach in 1974-75, the game was at a low ebb. But his old-fashioned patriotism did not always find an echo in an era of increasing commercialisation, with much of which he was out of sympathy. He was also critical of the support offered by the RFU to rugby league last year at a time when he felt money was badly needed to sustain the development at junior level of rugby union.

John Burgess was born in Salford and educated locally. At Salford University he took his MA and MIEE. As an electrical engineer he worked in the North West and became managing director of Simon Engineering in Stockbort, laier deputy chairman and export consultant. In this latter the old Soviet Union - one product of these trips abroad was the Russian for hat which he wore frequently. In 1978 he was appointed CBE for services to Britain's exports.

After leaving school, he played association football for Blackburn Rovers for a year before in 1943 joining the Fleet Air Arm, in which he served as an observer. With his war an observer. With his war service behind him, he played junior rugby for Old Salfordians before joining Broughton Park as a back-row forward. At 5ft 8in he was on the small side but made his way into the Lancashire county team and played for North-West Counties against Wilson Whineray's New Zealanders in 1904 — at the age of 39.

When he retired he spent a year refereeing but soon took up coaching: "I was appalled at the way we prepared -- or patience with individuals who role he made frequent visits to didn't prepare - for games."

he said later. Broughton Park offered him initial experience, and he spent six years with Lancashire which, when he started out, possessed only one international player, Richard Greenwood. By the end of his time with the county it had provided, or was soon to provide, 22 internationals, four England captains and a British Isles captain. He toured the Far East with

England as coach in 1971 but had to wait until 1974 before he was offered the position at home. In between he offered a convincing argument of his worth by preparing the North-West side which beat the 1972-73 New Zealand team at Workington; but his national tenure lasted only a year and, after a difficult England tour to Australia in the summer of 1975, he resigned.

Instead, he thrust his powerful drive into restructuring the English game and, in 1981 the Burgess report paved the way for league rugby. He had served on the RFU committee since 1907 and, on his eleva-tion as president and union in 1987, declared his ambition to be "making dreams become a reality". Yet he was well aware of the powerful influences at work in the international game and was saddened at what he saw as England's decline from the moral leadership of world rugby.

Burgess was married twice and leaves his second wife, Elvis, and two children from each marriage.

RADIO IN SCHOOLS.

On January 17 the Kent Education Committee will launch their experiment in the use of broadcasting for educational purposes in the Kent schools. Aided by a grant of £300 from the Carnegie Trust, about 50 schools and other educational institutions in the county will be invited to take part in the experiment. and responsible teachers will be asked to make reports on the subjects broadcast and the manner in which the lectures have been given, with the idea of developing and improving the technique of educational

The Kent Education Committee are cooperating with the B.B.C. in this application of wireless to education, for which Kent, the first county in the kingdom to make the experiment, has been chosen, partly because there are rather special difficulties of transmission and reception owing to the geographical configuration of the county, and partly because the Kent teachers have shown a lively interest in the possibilities of the new

The B.B.C. have a list of about 120 schools already listening to wireless lessons, and those to take part in the Kent experiment are to be selected mainly from this list. Recent inquiry showed that of schools regularly

ON THIS DAY

January 3, 1927

Today school classrooms are full of pieces of high-tech equipment, but 60 or more years ago visitors might expect to see only wireless receivers with speakers hearing fretwork designs.

taking wireless 70 per cent were primary schools, a proportion expected to obtain in Kent. The programme for these schools, mainly for children between 13 and 16 years. will be: Mondays, travel talks; Tuesdays, elementary music, by Sir H. Wallord Davies: Wednesdays, "Our Native Tongue", by Mr. A. Lloyd Jones, and "Books to Read," by Mr. J.C. Stobart and Miss Mary Somerville: Thurs-days, "Before and After the Great War, a Hundred Years Ago," by Mr. H.A.L. Fisher, Fridays, school concerts, arranged by the

People's Concert Society.
The Kent Education Committee also wish to

test the possibilities of wireless in adult education. It is understood that the B.B.C. may later consider the use of an alternative wave length with a special programme for educational work. A large number of the schools in Kent already possess wireless receiving sets, which with a few exceptions have been lent. These are not suitable for school use; but many of them can be adapted at little cost. The grant from the Carnegie Trustees will be used to provide new sets at certain selected centres, partly to assist schools acquiring new sets out of local funds. and partly in assisting other schools to adapt their sets to the required standard. The Kent Education Committee have been at considerable trouble to discover a wireless receiver which will give truthful reproduction in sufficient volume for school use, and they are publishing to the schools the theoretical circuit of a four-valve receiver which they have adopted and which they believe will give satisfactory results. The committee are arranging for a number of complete sets to be made up by a reliable firm, and these will be supplied in all instances where sets are requisitioned through the committee. The sets will be supplied to the schools with complete accessories, except aerial and earth, including a suitable loud speaker.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Drink-drive cases up by 18 per cent

■ The number of motorists caught drinking and driving over the Christmas holiday rose by 18 per cent compared with last year. The total - 5,209 in England and Wales - was the second highest this decade. There were also more accidents in which one of the parties had been drinking - up 4 per cent from 939 to 974. The figures prompted police and road safety campaigners to call for a lower alcohol limit for drivers.....Page l

Dorrell lines up with Euro-sceptics

■ Stephen Dorrell revived speculation about the Conservative leadership and increased Cabinet pressure on Kenneth Clarke by calling for a renegotiation of Britain's relationship with the European Union. The pro-European Health Secretary aligned himself with Cabinet Euro-sceptics as he proposed an overhaul of European institutions...Pages 1, 2

Parents' plea

The parents of a 17-year-old girl who was found battered to death on New Year's Day paid tribute to their daughter in a handwritten note seeking public help in the hunt for the killerPage 1

Dieting secret

Diets based on counting calories are less effective at keeping weight down than changing the type of foods eaten. People who swap chips for pasta but allow themselves unlimited amounts, do better than those who try to restrict quantity Page 1

BBC in West talks The BBC has been in negotiations

with Portman Entertainment Group to produce a documentary-drama about mass murderer Fred West

Hedge campaigner Britain's most successful amateur

litigant scored a landmark court victory that could lead to the replanting of thousands of miles

Freeze continues

Most of Britain faces a freezing weekend as the battle between two weather systems draws swaths of bitterly cold air from . Page 4

Siberia Hangover aid

Drinkers have sworn by it for centuries but now scientists have proved it is true: a morning-after tipple stops hangovers Page 5 power ...

Churchill backed gas

Winston Churchill was a robust champion of the use of poison gas in warfare and could not understand the "squeamishness" of

those who objected Page 6 Electrical protection

Electrical manufacturers denied price fixing after the industry was alerted that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was preparing to recommend better protection for consumers Page 8

Britannia blast Britain's leading yacht designers

condemned the Government's failure to make a decision on the future of the royal yacht, Britannia....

Taple accused France's former football cham-

pions, misspent more than £11.3 million on rigging matches and transfers under the presidency of Bernard Tapie, Le Monde Talks in trouble

The Israeli-Palestinian talks

about the future of Hebron ran into trouble despite a new urgency to complete an accord after the rifle attack

Church on attack

The Serbian Orthodox Church made an unprecedented attack on President Milosevic, accusing him of trying to set Serb against Serb in order to stay in

Grass that always stays green

A grass which stays "evergreen" has been developed by British scientists who believe it will be the answer to a groundsman's prayer. It keeps its fresh colour even in a drought. The grass has been bred by researchers at the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research, Aberyst-



Joha: McDonalds Restaurants are to open more than 100 new outlets in Britain during 1997, creating at least 5,000 new full and part-time ...Page 23

BUSINESS

lewellers: Goldsmiths, the jewellery chain, unveiled strong Christmas trading figures and said it had finally given up pursuit of the Ernest Jones chain Page 23

Waterstone: Tim Waterstone, of the bookstore chain, hopes to float his Daisy & Tom children's stores on the Alternative Investment Mar-

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 61.1 to close at 4057.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 96.1 to 95.0 after a fall from \$1.7120 to \$1.6907 and from DM2.6373 to _Page 26 DM2.6055...

SPORT

Weather: Pootball clubs are working overtime in an effort to prevent the FA Cup third round suffering severe disruption by the freezing conditions this weekend ... Page 40 Cricket: While most of the rest of his team were playing golf, Mich-sel Atherton, the England captain,

was working up a solitary sweat at Harare Sports Club Page 44 Cycling: Miguel Indurain, the only man to win the Tour de France in five successive years, announced his retirement, leaving the sport

wondering whether this was a pre-

Rugby union: Scott Quinnell will play in the Wales back row for the first time since 1994 after being selected for the match against the Limited States ...

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

BUBBLING UP

Once derided, the

lightweight Puffa bubble

jacket is more popular

than ever. Grace Bradberry fathoms

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How to become

financiallly fit for 1997

Aristocratic art: Spurred by the gift of part of her husband's great art collection, Baroness Thyssen has become a passionate collector in her own right

Sidrt-chaser: The Royal Opera kicks off an uncertain year with a sparkling revival of Massenet's Chérubin, with an unmissable .. Page 31 cast

Tasty Swedes: David Sindair reviews the week's top pop album releases, starring Popsicle, the latest flag-bearers of the Swedish pop invasionPage 32

Pop goes '97: Paul Sexton and Caitlin Moran predict what we will be listening to and put their money on wall-to-wall dance music, and a revival of lyrics that don't take a back seat to the beatPage 33

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Rowe, a clinical psychologist, chal-

lenges the basis of much modern

therapy and explains why, for

many patients, it cannot provide a

Reading the runes: Horoscopes,

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may be mumbo-jumbo but the

nearer we get to the millennium the

more we rush back to the Dark-

Saying goodbye: Robert Cramp-

ton meets Robert Lindsay, star of

Goodbye My Love, a controversial

television play dealing with

Science jobs: Flow is it that Britain produces more science graduates than other European countries but has so few working in the field? John O'Leary unravels a scientificPage 35

Oxford's choice: Uniess colleges remain free to decide their intake on academic grounds, even a brand name as powerful as Oxford may

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Preview: A mysterious wartime aircrash is investigated. The Gold Plane (BBC2, 8.10pm), Review: Matthew Bond on a sit-com that fails to amusePage 🎉

A tale of two elections

In their own interests, their party's, and the country's, many of the current Cabinet leadership contenders should show greater

Small crash, few hurt

One day's trading is no guide to what lies ahead, either for the markets or for the world economy that is the one sure lesson from Black Monday..... Page 19

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Hedgerows are not only aesthetic boundaries framing the intimacy of Britain's fields; they are cover, breeding grounds and sources of

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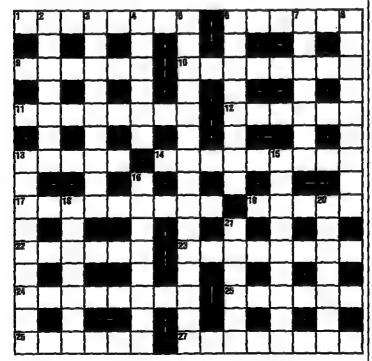
It is well known that a fool and his money are soon parted. But can there be so many fools as to keep. the fires of folly and ignorance (particularly ignorance) merrily burning night and day? I am sorry to say that the enswer is a resounding yes

MISHA GLENNY

Mr Milosevic is not yet politically buried and he is a far more adept operator than Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian dictator with whom several commentators have compared the Serbian President in the past few weeks.......Page 18 PHILIP HOWARD

Reading is like the escalator on the Underground. It leads you up to secret gardens and magic casements. And the journey would be no fun if there were not some spooky attics and saucy advertisements along the way..........Page 18

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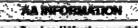
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- after getting ahead (6). 13 Jam to eat greedily (5).
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- about verse (5). 22 Tailor worked in district of Venice (6).
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- 24 Choir act badly, but in regular rhythm (8).
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- being shy (8).
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

FRIDAY JANUARY 3 1997

Bigger Mac means 5,000 jobs to be filled in 1997

MCDONALD'S, the American burger

hire 5,000 mostly part-time staff.

McDonald's will spend more than Ello million opening 110 new restaurants this year. Most will be drive through establishments and around 90 per cent of the new staff will be paid by the hour. Last year the company created nearly 4,500 new jobs in Britain by opening 90 new restaurants. In the last few weeks Marks & Spencer,

Saleway and B&Q have announced plans to hire thousands of new staff. In the pub and chain, yesterday became the latest services anough that it will create 1,000 new jobs, sector company to unweil plans to create, while Whithread, joint owners with Pepsico new jobs in Britain this year, saying it will of the Prize Heat chain; said that it was hire 5,000 mostly part-time staff. branches of restaurant over the next four

> Government figures released lass month showed unemployment falling below two million in November for the first time since 1991. But while the fall in the number of jobless and the increase in service-sector job creation have been hailed by Government

supporters as evidence of the return of the "feel-good" factor, critics have pointed out that, as at McDonald's, many of the new posts on offer give little security and relatively low pay.

McDonald's pointed out yesterday that nearly 60 per cent of its restaurant managers started as hourly-paid staff. These are real jobs with long-term pros-

Donald's will be housed in prefabricated buildings at out-of-town retail parks or multiplex cinemas. The prefahs are a relatively cheap and speedy option: it can

of a site to the opening of a new restaurant. The company hopes to open 35 restaurants in London and the Scath, 25 in the Midlands and Wales, 27 in the North, 12 in Scotland and five in Northern Ireland.

last year new branches of McDonald's were opened in retail parks, converted pubs. at Sega World in London's Piccadilly Circus, on Stena ferries and even inside a Royal Navy base at Devonport.

There have been signs of McDonald's losing out in the popularity stakes in its highly competitive home market, and in October it reported a decline in domestic research shows that the company's market share in the UK continues to grow.

Taylor Nelson, the pollsters, show that in the last three months of 1996, McDonald's claimed 78 per cent of the burger market up from 75 per cent a year earlier - with

Burger King at 14 per cent. Since it was founded in the early 1950s the company has opened restaurants in 96 countries and now has more than 20,000 restaurants in the US. Although it has slowed the rate of expansion in its domestic market, it still plans to open about 2,500 there during the coming year.

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Dow fears send UK shares tumbling

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and subsequently trimmed attributes in the loss to 40 points.

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nomic report from America's National Association of Purchasing Management, which raised fears that the US Federal Reserve may be forced into raising interest. rates to counter the threat of inflation. The NAPM index rose to 54.0 in December, well above Wall Street fore-

The purchasing managers' index is watched extremely closely in America because it has, in the past, seemed to trigger rate moves by the Federal Reserve. The Fed started its last cycle of tightening monetary policy in early 1994, when the NAPM hit 55.3, It raised rates five more times in 1994 and 1995 when the index

stood between 55.8 and 59.5. The report also sent US Treasury bonds tumbling, depressing the benchmark 30-year bond by more than a full percentage point. The dollar fell against the yen. quoted in late European trading at Y115.37 compared with Y116.08 late on Tuesday. But it edged up against a weak mark to DM1.5411 from DM1.5400 previously.

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The trigger for yesterdays bold at the January 15 moneselling was a healthy ero-tary meeting between V Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. He still believes that strong consumer demand will mean interest rates so up either this month or next.

But the strength of sterling beginning to change the the purchasing managers' survey, David Bloom of HSBC James Capel said: Strong growth in demand in the domestic market is no longer able to fully offset the loss of

competitiveness resulting from sterling's appreciation."

The pound weakened sharply yesterday, although the downward burch appeared to have been exaggerated in very thin trading conditions. Sterling's effective index against a hasket of currencies closed at 95.0 comapred with 96.1 on Tuesday, the previous trading

Dealers attributed the pound's slide to falls in British stock and bond markets rather than directly to the purchasing managers' report.



Jurek Piasecki plans a bigger chain this year after ending his takeover pursuit

Goldsmiths sparkles at Christmas

JUREK PLASECKI, chair mon and chief executive of the Goldsmiths jewellery chain, unveiled strong Christmas trading figures yesterday and said he has given up pursuing Signer's Ernest Jones (Sarah enem Writesi. He expects to open up to 18

stores this year and hopes to double market share to 6 per cent over the next five years. In the four weeks to Decem-ber 28, like-for-like sales were up 9.8 per cent. In the 11 months to the same date they were up 9.4 per cent. Mr Piasecki suid December trading started well, then flattened out, and had been strong in the three days before Christmas. Sales of diamonds and Gucci

Waterstone venture aims for full listing

By Sarah Cunningham

TIM WATERSTONE, the founder of the Waterstone's bookstore chain, hopes to float his new venture, Daisy & Tom children's stores, on AIM in 1998 and then move as soon as possible to a listing on the

main exchange. Work will begin next week on the first Daisy & Tom, a 20,000 sq ft store on the King's Road in London. It is due to open in May, with two further stores - in Manchester and Scotland - also planned for this year. He hopes to open 30 Daisy & Tom outlets in the

son of fellow investor Christoson, will sell children's clothes, shoes, books and toys. "They will be very upmarket and opulent and will look absolutely wonderful," Mr Waterstone

Mr Waterstone is chairman and chief executive of the company, which is 37 per cent owned by him. 37 per cent owned by DC Thomson and 26 per cent owned by Quester, the venture capitalists. The flotation on AIM will follow one year's trading with three outlets, Mr Waterstone said.

Child's play, page Z7

dispute over pension value By CAROLINE MERRELL by some providers. It says: MOST personal pensions are

better off putting their money into other investment schemes such as personal equity plans, according to a Which? report published today. One of the worst buys,

according to the report, is offered by Prodential, the UK's biggest personal pension provider. Other poor products came from the financial services divisions of the high street banks — pensions from Barclays, Lloyds and Midland also came out as worst buys. Which?, the Consumers'

Association magazine, analysed 100 personal pensions performance, flexibility, portability and costs, and has listed the best buys and the worst buys. Best buys included policies from General Accident, Standard Life, Equitable Life and Scottish Widows.

Helen Parker, Which? editor, said: "It is only the very best personal pensions which are worth considering - one of the worst could mean that your retirement income is

The report is particularly critical of high charges levied

The lowest-charging plan reduces your pension by 13 per cent, while the highest reduces it by 35 per cent." It adds: "For basic rate taxpayers, the apparent tax advantages of personal pensions may be wiped out by charges."

The pensions industry has report's comparisons.

Tony Baker, of the Association of British Insurers, said: "The charges simply reflect the effort and work that goes in to selling the products. As for taking out a Pep rather than a personal pension, savers may well be tempted to dip into their Pep savings before retirement, thus depleting the amount saved for retirement."

Andrew Warwick-Thompson. of Bacon & Woodrow, the actuary, said: "You cannot compare a Pep with a pension because they have totally different asset mixes. It is also not correct to say that Peps have lower charges. Many people who take out personal pensions do so so that they can pay in regular single premiums, which makes the charges more similar

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Sun rising

Japan's long-awaited economic recovery from the prolonged recession of the early 1990s seems to be under way. However, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development believes that Japan must tackle its huge budget deficit. Page 24

First move

GEC has sold its first business since the new chief executive outlined disposal Page 25, Tempus 26

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long term. The stores, named after his OECD warns Japan, page 24 Stock markets, page 26 Economic View, page 27 two-year-old daughter and the watches were particularly good. The fallout in London Hampel Committee extends deadline



THE Hampel Committee, set up more than a year ago to review the corporate governance guidelines introduced in the Cadbury and Greenbury reports, has extended its timetable for submissions because some of Britain's most influential organisations have missed the December

Among the bodies given extra time to put the finishing touches to their comments are the Confederation of British Industry and Pirc, the lobby group set up to monitor corporate governance.

The committee, chaired by Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman of ICI, has already received more than 50 replies and is expecting up to 20 more. We've decided

that December 31 was not an absolute been the view expressed by the Institute of deadline as quite a few people have not put in submissions yet, including some are not qualified to make a judgment on leading bodies." said a committee official.

Pirc is expecting to put forward its views next week, with Anne Simpson, a director of Pirc, today adding the finishing touches to the group's submission.

The CBI said it hoped to offer its reply in the next week or so. It's like being back

at school," said a CBI official. "If you give the teacher a good excuse you can get an extension on your homework." The committee is planning to produce an

interim report in the summer and a full report by the end of the year. It does not publish the submissions it has received. but many of the bodies that have given replies have chosen to make them public. Among the most controversial have

what is a reasonable pay package, and should not be allowed to vote on the issue. The ICA added that it felt that the rows about bonuses for senior executives "do not, on the face of it, seem to have been

Both leading bodies representing institutional investors - the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds - have come out against there being new rules introduced to add to the burden on British companies. We are arguing against further regulation, said Richard Regan, who chairs the investment committee of the ABI. Industry needs time to digest the contents of Greenbury and Cadhury."

OECD warns recovering Japan to tackle deficit

By Janet Bush, economics editor

JAPAN'S long-awaited economic recovery after the prolonged recession of the early 1990s now seems under way but the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said yesterday that Japan must tackle the huge budget deficit built up because of efforts to stimulate the economy.

The OECD, which was publishing its latest survey of the Japanese economy, said that growth is expected to have totalled 3.5 per cent in 1996, which compares well with growth of less than I per cent in 1995. However, growth is expected to fall back to only 1.6 per cent this year with consumption weakening as tempo-rary tax cuts have ended. In order to maintain the recovery's momentum, the OECD recommends that Japan keep interest rates low. Official interest rates have stood at only 0.5 per cent since September 1995, with market interest

rates held slightly below that.

The importance of maintaining loose monetary conditions is even more significant given the OECD's recommendation that Japan now starts to tighten fiscal policy, which has been aggressively stimulative throughout the 1990s when growth failed to materialise.

These efforts to kickstart the economy have led to a widening in Japan's general government deficit to nearly 4 per cent of gross domestic product. The combined deficits of central and local government has approached 7 per cent of GDP, one of the largest of any industrialised country, and government debt

has jumped to almost 90 per cent of GDP.

The OECD said: "It will therefore be appropriate to strengthen fiscal consolidation over the medium term, as rapidly as the underlying growth of domestic demand permits, in order to prevent government indebtedness from rising continuously." It suggested that spending cuts and possibly tax increases will be needed. If tax rises prove necessary, it recommends a further rise in consumption tax.

It noted that action to cut government borrowing is even more pressing because of the rapid ageing of Japan's population. Despite limits on pension benefits, the OECD forecasts that catering for health and welfare needs will boost government spending to about 40 per-cent of GDP by 2000 and to more than 45 per

cent by 2025.

The OECD also emphasised the need for a broad and more substantial programme of deregulation if Japan's economy is to grow faster. It noted that "progress so far appears modes, as significant impediments to competitude of the tion still remain in many areas of the service

pirates log a bill of £287m

BY FRASER NELSON

BRITISH software pirates

computer programs.

A survey commissioned by the Business Software Alliance and the Software

cent share. While Britain is a promi-

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cent piracy rate.
While the figures for 1996 are still being compiled, a worldwide total of 19 billion

The evolution of Windows-based computers has made software piracy in-creasingly difficult to police, with technology to copy pro-grams coming as standard issue in most machines. Leading computer programs such as Microsoft Word cost around £220 in the high street, but they can be copied in seconds on to a computer disk

costing 80p.
While the software industry mounts frequent attempts to purge piracy, the hardware industry takes a more relaxed attitude. Some argue that a degree of such activity boosts ing countries.

Computer software

are costing the industry more than £287 million a year, according to a report which ranks Britain as the world's seventh worst of-fender for illegally copied

Publishers Association puts the worldwide costs of piracy in 1995 at £8.4 billion, of which Britain has a 3.4 per

ment offender in terms of the overall money lost, only 42 per cent of software used in this country is pirated — a figure significantly below the European average of 62 per cent.

record, with a piracy level of 96 per cent of the software used, while the Swiss computer users with a 38 per

is expected to have been lost last year, with more than £320 million coming from

The Business Software Alhance said that while Britain had scored much lower thanmost of its European neigh-bours, the figure was still too high, given the maturity of the market.

the computer market in gener-al, and is essential to kickstart computer culture in develop-

Banks and unions claim strike victory

SCOTTISH banks and Bifu, the banking union, have both claimed victory after yesterday's strike in support of the traditional January 2 holiday. Banks, including the Bank of Scotland, Clydesdale, Royal Bank of Scotland, TSB Scotland and Lloyds Bowmaker, the finance house subsidiary of Lloyds, want workers to adopt the Easter Monday bank holiday from England instead. Peter Burt, chairman of the Committee of Scotlish Clearing Bankers, said fewer than 50 out of the total 1,200 Scotlish branches did not open.

Bifu said many Scotlish town centres had been descried, demonstrating that the public did not want the service. Sandy Boyle, Bifu's deputy general secretary, said: They've

Sandy Boyle. Bifu's deputy general secretary, said: They've refused to negotiate with us, and wouldn't listen either to staff or customer. Perhaps now they will listen."

Fokker bid speculation

FOKKER, the collapsed manufacturer of sircraft, could still be FOKKER, the collapsed manufacturer of aircraft, could still be rescued by a new partner, according to Dutch press reports. Wickard de Waard, a Dutch entrepreneur, is said to have created a limited liability company called Forward Aircraft to use as a vehicle for a takeover bid. He reportedly wants to continue existing production of Fokker aircraft, which could henefit Shorts, which supplies parts from its base in Belfast, Samsung, of Korea, has said that it is no longer interested in taking over Fokker after months of unsuccessful negotiations, Fokker's receivers declined to comment on bid speculation.

Hays in German deal

HAYS, the business services group, has acquired Daufenbach, a German car parts distributor, for DM68 million. Daufenbach is the leading German spare parts supplier to General Motors, BMW, Mitsubishi, Toyota, Volkswagen and Chrysler. Ronnie Frost, executive chairman of Hays, said: "Daufenbach is a national business with the ability to deliver next day, pre-Sam. It has a leading market position and a strong management." Hays is committed to paying a further DM9 million if a certain level of profit is

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Arcadian hotel deal

ARCADIAN INTERNATIONAL, the hotels and leisure developments group, has acquired Chilston Park Hotel, near Leeds Castle in Kent, for £4.4 million. The 38-bed hotel is set in 22 acres of parkland and has extensive conference facilities. Construction of a further 15 bedrooms is under way. Operating profits for 1996 are expected to be £479,000. Arcadian has granted Homewood Park an option to acquire Hunstrete House, a 25-room hotel near Bath, for £1.86 million. The hotel was bought by Arcadian in 1993 as part of the acquisition of Clipper Hotels.

Cox buys GJW unit

COX Insurance Holdings, the Lloyd's of London agency, has acquired the specialist yacht and cargo business of Groves. John & Westrup (Underwriting) from Sphere Drake for 5900,000. GJW has been part of the insurance industry in Liverpool for more than 100 years. It has been underwriting pleasure craft since 1971 and began writing a cargo account in 1990. Premium income generated by GJW, expected to amount to some £10 million in 1997; will be accepted by Lloyd's marine syndicate 590/2591, underwritten by Ian Wootton, one of the syndicate 590/2591, underwritten by Ian Wootton, one of the seven Cox insurance-managed syndicates.

Spirax-Sarco buys

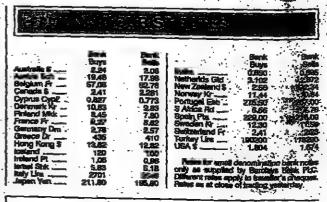
SPIRAX-SARCO Engineering is spending £17 million on acquiring Bredel Holdings, a manufacturer of pumps based in The Netherlands, and the associated Bredel distribution business of Wankesha Cherry Burrell in America. The vendor is United Dominion Industries, of Canada. The acquired businesses had net assets of £3.6 million and generated profits of £1.7 million before interest and tax in the Il months to the end of November 1996. The consideration is subject to an additional payment of £1 million depending on profits to the end of December.

Regionbridge for Allen

ALLEN, the building contracting and civil engineering company, has acquired Regionbridge, a contracting company based in the West Midlands, for a maximum consideration of £1.75 million, of which £960,000 was paid in cash on completion. A further payment of E240,000 is due in March 1997 after agreement of the completion accounts and a final instalment of up to £550,000 due in March 1988, depending on profits. In 1995 Regionbridge earned pre-tax profits of £224,000 on turnover of £7.6 million.

Beverley's loss deepens

PRE-TAX LOSSES of Beverley Group, the manufacturer and supplier of industrial pumps and valves, grew to £531,000, from £462,000, in the half year to August 31 on turnover down to to £1.55 million, from £1.23 million. The loss per share was 0.27p (0.56p loss). There is again no dividend. Beverley said that the losses reflected the continuing difficult trading conditions as the group emerges from a company



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Company pensions 14% up on state fund

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PAYMENTS from company pension schemes in Britain have risen 6 per cent, making them 14 per cent higher on average than state pensions, new evidence on Britain's pension schemes shows today.

The findings of an independent study of Britain's major pension schemes show that they paid out more than £10 billion in benefits in their most recent financial year.

In its second annual study of

Retirement benefits swell by **over 11%**

BY OLIVER AUGUST

UK pension funds grew by more than II per cent in 1996, according to WM Company, which mea-sures the investment performance of more than 75 per cent of the UK pension fund market. Its performance survey shows gains were fuelled by strong equity markets in Britain. America and Europe.

With inflation at around 2 per cent, funds received a real return of 9 per cent on their investments. The historical average over the past ten years is a 7 per cent increase per annum. But 1996 failed to match the dramatic gains achieved in the previous year, when returns soured to 19 per cent after a disappointing 1994.

Peter Warrington. WM director, said: "It is anything but doom and gloom. UK equities continue to stride forward. Our survey shows that UK equities provided a return of 17 per cent, with the average active manager outperforming the FT-SE all-share index.

The worst equity performer was Japan, with a 21 per cent fall, while America was the best overseas performer, with a 16 per cent increase.

Pension funds have recently been taking profits on their equity investments in America and the UK. Mr Warrington said: "The high cash holdings support the widespread belief that the major equity markets, par-ticularly the UK and US, are overvalued. Funds may be waiting for a downturn before returning to buy at lower levels."

Britain's occupational pension schemes, Incomes Data Services, the independent pay analyst, says that the average annual pension paid out by company pension schemes is now £3.698.

Examining the reports and accounts of more than 100 large occupational pension schemes, IDS says that this is 14 per cent higher than the current single person's full basic state pension.

The total spend on pensions-in-payment by 104 schemes studied was £10.368 billion in their most recent financial years, the IDS study shows. This is a b.I per cent rise on comparable figures for the previous scheme year.
The number of people re-

ceiving occupational pensions increased from 2.5 million in the previous year's study to 2.8 million now, although the coverage of the survey is a little wider this year.

The research shows "enormous variations" in the average value of pension payouts. largely driven by the pay position of the companies dustries such as banking and insurance tended to pay high-er pensions than industries such as engineering, for example.

Service length is another key factor, with organisations containing long-service employees, such as universities, paying high pensions.
The establishment date of

schemes is also significant, with comparatively new schemes, such as that at Rover Cars, paying lower benefits than long-established schemes, such as that at Vauxhall.

Five schemes recorded "significant" increases in the number of pensions-in-payment this year. These were the Post Office, with a 47 per cent rise; Granada. 18 per cent; the Environment Agency Active Fund, 17 per cent; Vauxhall, 14 per cent; and ICL, 13 per cent. At the same time, 19 com-

panies showed a decrease in the number of pensions being paid, including a 25 per cent fall at English China Clays because of a bulk transfer of pensioners out of the scheme a 7 per cent drop at the Railways Superannuation Fund and a 3 per cent fall in the CMT Mineworkers' scheme — formely British

The Universities Staff Superannuation Scheme again paid the highest pension— this year an average £11.998 to its members. The lowest average pension being paid among those studied was £590 a year at the Norwich Union. although this is for a dedicated scheme specifically for part-

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Matthews sells 1m shares

BERNARD MATTHEWS. chairman of the turkey farming group that carries his name, has raised £1.25 million by seiling a million of his shares (Paul Durman writes). The price he received, 12512p, was close to the recent peak of 130 12 p, the highest the shares have been since the stock market crash of 1987. Mr Matthews retains a stake

of 18.5 per cent, keeping his family's holding just above 40 per cent and valuing it at more than £60 million.

Mr Matthews once said that his contribution to society was to change turkey from being solely a Christmas treat. "[putting it] within the grasp of everybody as an everyday meat". His company now produces about 20 million turkeys a year, about two-thirds of which are purchased in processed form rather than

The company is expected to make profits this year of about £22 million. It made a good start to the year, over-coming higher feed prices thanks to the BSE scare,

Irish economy is 'set to grow 5%'

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

THE Republic of Ireland's economic boom is set to continue this year with real GNP growth of 5 per cent, according to the country's independent economics institute. The Quarterly Economic Review from the Economic

and Social Research Institute (ESRI) estimates that real GNP growth in 1996 was around 54 per cent, after for 1995 and 1994. The ESRI says that a deceleration of growth in domestic demand in 1997 will be offset by rapid expansion in export volumes. Inflation, which was running at 1.6 per in 1996, should stay under control at around two per cent in 1997, says the

review. It also forecasts contin-

ued strengthening of public finances, with a current budget surplus and an Exchequer borrowing requirement at the same level as last year.

Such is the performance of the Irish economy over the past four years that the ESRI concedes there have been questions about the figures' accuracy. It concludes that although no estimate of economic progress can be defini-tive, "the trends in the various major elements of the economy fit together in a generally coherent manner.

freland's performance is attributed to, among other matters, direct foreign investment in fast-growing industries and the availability of a qualified

Dispute bad for Bupa's health

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DÜBLIN

BUPA, the British private healthcare group, yesterday conceded that its operations in the Irish Republic have been harmed by a dispute with the Irish Government about its insurance packages.
The dispute, which began in

November after Bupa un-veiled its packages for the Irish market, escalated yester-day with the Irish Minister of Health apparently threaten-ing lettal action if Burn door ing legal action if Bupa does not modify its schemes. Bupa replied that its products comply fully with Irish and European law. A spokeswoman for the group said that although it is happy to co-operate with the Government, its insurance schemes will not be changed.

Bupa's cash plans, under which clients can upgrade hospital accommodation or take a cash bonus. The plans. unlike Bupa's basic health package, are age weighted. Michael Noonan, Health Minister, said the plans contravene the Health Insurance Act requirement that schemes be offered to everyone at the same price, regardless of age. Bupa says the cash plans are an optional extra to the basic

Bupa yesterday said that "several thousand people" had bought its schemes, but admitted that the dispute was harming business. It is also embar rassing a government piedged to liberalising the private healthcare market.

Suspension clouds Butte future

THE inglorious stock market career of Butte Mining - despite its name it gave up mining three years ago - is in danger of coming to an end a few months short of its tenth anniversary after its shares were suspended yesterday.

Butte, whose chairman, David Lloyd-Jacob, admits that it only exists as a vehicle for legal actions, said the suspension came because it could not publish its accounts for either of the last two years as it is in talks about outstanding litigation. Butte has apparently offered to drop one action, a £100 million writ against Ernst & Young, its former auditors, and

is in talks to settle another against three subsidiaries of Simon Engineering. The actions relate to the group's former interests in mining in Montana, US.

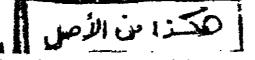
However, the process has been held up because a winding-up petition has been issued against the company. This action is believed to have come from the holders of some of Butte's preference shares. Butte's ordinary shares were floated at

100p in 1987 but yesterday stood at 4p. valuing the company at £1.96 million.
"Plucky little Butte" sold out of mining in 1993, has been involved in a three-year Serious Fraud Office inquiry, massive legal actions, and a spat with the Financial Reporting Review Panel

(FRRP) that has contributed to this latest problem. Last October, Butte was admonished by the FRRP, which threatened to take it to court for booking a £1 million profit on shares it received in an obscure Canadian mixing company so turning a £339,000 loss for the year to June 30, 1995 into a £628,000 profit.

Butte has not been able to reissue its accounts for that year, or indeed publish accounts for the year to June 30, 1996; claiming in a statement that they have been held up by negotiations on "its most significant lawspits". The Exchange insists that companies publish accounts within six months of their year end and so suspended Butte shares.





☐ Some modest predictions for 1997 ☐ Stock-pickers get it right for once ☐ SFA's rules stiffer than the Met's

Through a glass, darkly

mugs. Any pundit who claims to know which way the stock market is going, the outlook for gilts, for interest rates and house prices, is no more reliable than the average racing tipster — less so, because the racing world is so riddled with insider dealing that there is a fair chance the upster got it straight from the jockey.

Most of last year's forecasts the effect on their professionals, the equity analysts whose job it is to stricted to areas who

☐ FINANCIAL forecasting is for

second-guess the stock market, for 1996, look pretty sick. Several did so badly that the brokers concerned have refused to make public their stance for 1997 with experience comes wisdom. They include the securities house that foresaw a plunge in the FISE-100 Index to 2,800 last. year, against the rise of 11 percent to above 4,100 that took place in the real world.

Ho hum. One assumes this

was not reflected in their year, end bonuses, and indeed City fund managers have protected themselves rather well once again this year. It is an odd but proveable fact that stock markets always rise in December, and indeed the Index rose by 1.5 per cent last month, a higher than average monthly rise even for last year, in very thin trading.

Another fact is that fund

managers' bonuses tend to be based on year-end to year-end little effect on their pay. Make of

So forecasts should be restricted to areas where specialist knowledge puts the pundit ahead of the pack. A degree of wish fulfilment is allowed — will teenagers finally tire of tipping fruit-flavoured industrial alcohol down their necks? Will Ken and Eddie just once agree on interest rates? Will we at last see the disappearance of that thresome phrase "feel-good factor"? Here are Pennington's predio-

tions for 1997: ☐ At least one quoted football chib will run into serious finan-cial difficulties. The share prices of almost all the others, save for a couple of blue chips such as Manchester United, will crumble. Watch out for the rush of investors to the turnstiles. ☐ Someone will pay a silly price

for a chain of restaurants, citing clear industrial logic. The bidder will be a) Barclays Bank by British Steel c) AN Other.

L British Gas will finally admit that its demerger plans, to be Board. Only a tiny proportion of

comparisons of the value of the completed by the end of next funds they look after, so yesterday's correction will have had lack of management time. The company will be tempted to blame the harsh winter.

☐ Sears will finally get out of shoe retailing, four decades after Sir Charles Clore went in. Alternatively, Liam Strong, its chief executive, will be scanning the Jobs Vacant ads. These predictions are not mutually exclusive.

There will at last be a political outery over the selling of chunks of the electricity distribution system to Americans no one has ever heard of before, Ian Lang, president of the board of trade, will shock the market by ignoring all previous precedent.

Elsewhere, Mr Lang will ignore precedent and shock the market. And again, just for luck.

Stagecoach will bid for a bus company, and be referred to the Moropolies. Commission. And

Monopolies Commission. And And again.

Li There will be little progress in the pensions misselling scandal, heading for its fourth year since the problem was uncarthed by

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those affected have so lar had their claims settled. This year, that figure will double. The unit trust industry will embark on a five-year decline, to be supplanted by the new Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEICs) which can be created from next Monday. By the time unit trusts are no more, the OIECs will have started their five-year decline, supplanted by something with an even more

☐ Motor insurance rates will have to rise, allowing the decent firms to make a profit again at the expense of those who, at present, charge you the value of your car to insure it and add the cost of any claims made to next

horrible name.

☐ Which? magazine will become involved in a pension product, in the wake of the damning Which? report into all the others. This follows last year's damning report into credit cards, coinciding with the Which? card. ☐ A building society float will go

sour, after squabbles over bonuses/lost or burnt share certificates/postal problems. Computers will get the blame.

One of the big accountants will buy a medium-sized firm of solicitors, so offering clients one-stop shopping. Rates will not fall. I Tiny Rowland will attend the Lonrho annual meeting. He will not propose the vote of thanks to

the management.

A big/high-profile AIM company will go bust. Alternatively, an AIM company will finally graduate to a full listing. These forecasts are not mutually exclusive, but expect the first some time before the second.

I A big/much-respected/fast-growing company will go bust, its books irretrievably cooked over a period of years. Its accountants will profess bafflement. A non-executive director will become chairman.

This last is the only racing certainty - but it takes true punditry to spot which company. A Happy New Year to all.

Stock-pickers win in year of the dog

DBY contrast with the equity strategists, pension fund investment managers earned their keep in 1996, thanks to their long-term fondness for London equities. More surprising, their efforts in picking British shares actually beat the FT-SE 100 index, according to figures from the WM Company.

Funds that merely track share indices have become fashionable because the expense of serious stock picking is too often wasted for why, see above. In 1996, however, all those hours feeding ratios into the laptop, all those lunches ruined by having to stay awake through another com-pany presentation, all those arduous trips to research Diversified Megacorp's Ber-muda acquisition, paid off.

Not that fund managers are actually much better pickers of

winners than Whitehall used to be. But they are better than Whitehall, or indices or computers, or astrologers for that matter, at spotting a sure loser.

In yestervear, index funds invested in Maxwell in spite of misgivings. In 1996 they were stuck in big companies such as British Gas, Hanson, BTR and Sears that missed the buoyant year enjoyed by most. Rarely have so many top companies let the side down as in the City's

Year of the Dog.

Many — though not all —
actively managed funds avoided such stumers, as did the average smaller fund for similar reasons. In the expected tougher climate of 1997, fund members will hope stock pickers meet the challenge again. This will require, how-ever, an equally generous dis-tribution of complete dogs.

A policeman's lot

A COUPLE of years ago a broker was caught diddling British Rail by using his girliriend's pass. He lost his Securities and Futures Authority registration, and so his job and livelihood. Those are the rules — no criminal convictions of any kind. Now a few hundred policemen. no less, have been caught playing fast and loose on the London Tube. Their penalty? Loss of their free travel passes.

GEC's Satchwell is sold to Siebe for £80m

GEC yesterday sold its first business since George Simpson, its new chief executive, outlined the group's disposal plans last month.

YODAFONE, the mobile

phone group, doubled the

number of overseas subscrib-

ers and increased its UK

customer base by 20 per cent

during the last 12 months. .

In the last quarter, new overseas subscribers out-

stripped the UK numbers for

the first time. Some 146,000

Britons connected their mo-

bile phones during the Christmas period, compared, with 148,000 abroad. Voda-

fone now has almost a mil-

lion overseas customers and

2.8 million in the UK, 1.22

million of whom use the

Chris Gent, chief executive, said: There was a

strong all-round perfor-mance from Vodatione in

1996. The highlight of the

year in the UK was the

strong growth in our digital

network, where the subscrib-

er base increased by 820,000,

over 205 per cent, with new

connections being supported by a very successful policy of

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rently includes Siebe Environ-mental Controls in the UK

and Barchi Air in Switterland and The Netherlands.

A Siebe spekesman said the group, has annual sales of about \$220 million in this Satchwell Controls, of A Siebe spekesman said the Slough, which makes and group has annual sales of installs the temperature systems for large buildings, is area, but most of these are in being sold to Siebe, the diverbeing sold to Slebe the diver- America: Satchwell, part of sified engineering group, for GEC since 1968, is the UK

E80 million, including debt. market leader.
Siebe intends to make Announcing half-year reSauchwell the European flag-sults last month. Mr. Simpson
ship for its own building said he intended to sell the

in GEC, which is made up of more than 150 separate

companies.

Malcolm Bates, GEC's deputy managing director, said yesterday that Satchwell was out on its own and provided few spin-off benefits for the group's main interests in de-ience electronics, power systrans and telecommunications. Mr Bates said GEC had always had in its mind to sell Satchwell, but this had not company had done well and

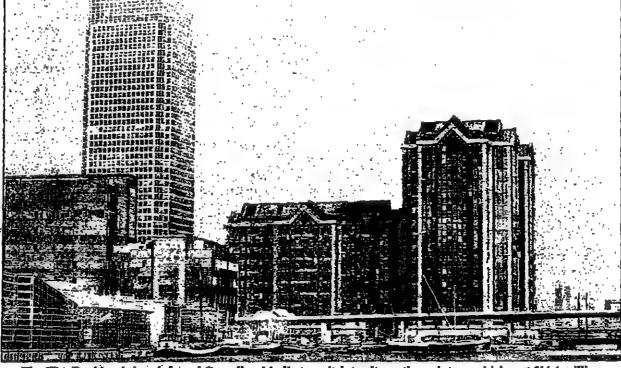
Double delight not caused any problems. Satchwell delivered record sales and profits last year, making 64.9 million on turn-over of 560.3 million. It had not assets of 519.4 million at March 31 and employs more for Vodafone

than 1,000 people. Siebe said it intended to BY OLIVER AUGUST retain the "very well-known" Satchwell name. It would not digital network.
Our overseas businesses comment on the possibility of job losses, but said it was its policy to integrate and build up its acquisitions, not to cut collectively produced an exceptional performance and continue to go from strength to strength." costs for a quick profit. Dr George Sarney, president of Siebe Control Systems, said The company said there the new grouping would pro-vide Siebe with a significant new platform for future had been particularly strong performances in France, Greece and South Africa.

GEC is expected to make a Tempus, page 26 series of further disposals this year as Mr. Simpson restructures the business assembled by Lord Weinstock, his predecessor. One leading candidate for disposal is thought to be the 50 per cent stake in the consumer goods division, which includes Creda cookers and Hotpoint washing

> Other possible disposals include the wire and cable operations, the semi-conductor and components com-panies, the office equipment interests and the medical sysiems business.

> > Tempus, page 26



The IRA Docklands bomb forced Guardian Media to switch to alternative printers, which cost £14.4 million

Guardian Media in the red

GUARDIAN Media Group, publishers of The Guardian and The Observer, was pushed into the red by costs arising from the IRA Docklands bombing last year

(Oliver August writes). The blast damaged the group's main printing plant near South Quay, forcing a switch to alternative printers that cost £14.4 million.

Interim results show a E17.9 million profit before exceptional items - up more than 40 per cent. But overall, a £12.73 million pre-tax profit turned into a £1.84 million pre-tax loss for the six months September 29. Harry Roche, chairman, said the strong operating performance had been achieved despite a 24 per cent rise in newsprint prices, costing an extra £5.5

The group, publisher also of the Manchester Evening News, had £154.3 million net assets including cash of £81.6 million and remains financially strong. Mr Roche said.

Haemocell shareholders lose heart over rights

By Paul Durman

MOST of the long-suffering investors in Haemocell, the blood filtration system company, have turned their backs on the company's £2 million rescue share issue. Haemocell said yesterday

that holders of just over 16 per cent of its shares are taking up their entitlements in the recent placing and open offer. The rest of the 73.5 million shares from the 13-for-five offer have been placed with institutional and other investors. New backers include Channel Hotels & Properties, controlled by David Kirch, which will have a stake of about 25 per cent.

The latest shares were issued at 3p, a far cry from the 150p October 1992 rights issue. Hopes for Haemocell's System 350, which allows doctors to use patients' own blood for transfusions, carried the shares to a 221p peak in February 1993.

The decline in the company's fortunes stemmed initially from the collapse of its distribution deal with Stryker Corporation of the US. Subsequent sales have been insufficient to cover Haemocell's costs. Haemocell hopes to reduce its reliance on System 350 by distributing products for a French company, but has been held back by lack of resources. Haemocell expects share dealings on AIM to reopen on Monday.

Deadline set for Triplex bid

Triplex Lloyd has given William Cook's shareholders two more weeks to accept its hostile bid for the company, after securing 5.83 per cent of its rival's shares by the second deadline.

Triplex needs to win over Cook's five largest shareholders to secure victory. The decisive move in the battle is expected to be made when PDFM, the fund manager, chooses which of the specialist engineers to back. It controls 19.7 per cent of William Cook's shares and 11.9 per cent of Triplex's.

Trinity sells

Trinity International publisher, has withdrawn from Canada after selling its titles in the country to Black Press, a Canadian media company, for C\$58 million (£24.7 million). Trinity said the money raised would be used to cut gearing, which was 59 per cent at the last count. Its shares rose Ip to 461 2p.

Board move

Selfcare, the American biomedical company that holds 28.89 per cent of Environmed, a diagnostics company, has set out its proposals to remove the company's board. It has called an extraordinary meeting for January 17.

Environmed incurred losses of £8.2 million before tax in the last financial year and its shares have fallen to 24p from 112p in 1995.

Broker fined £15,000 by Lloyd's

A LLOYD'S of London broker has been fined £15,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 in costs. for transferring funds in breach of Lloyd's bylaws tion Ashworth writes).

lan McCall International admitted two charges of misconduct arising from the trans-

pendent accounting advice. The fine is the biggest yet imposed by Lloyd's, which has toughened its stance, bringing in fixed-penalty fines and requiring that disciplinary actions be made oublic. The McCall action centres

The first case involved £1.5 million pooled in an insurance broking account. Some £400,000 was transferred to another account within the McCall group for a purpose not permitted under Lloyd's bylaws. A similar offence in-

volved £425,000. David Gittings, director of Lloyd's regulatory division, said that it was accepted that McCall had acted in good faith and had not tried to hide the transfers. It had received independent accounting advice. No

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Chill winds from Wall St force costly retreat in UK

equities felt the full force of Wall Street's icy blast yesterday, making for an inauspicious start to the first day of

trading in 1997.

London reacted to the 101point New Year's Eve slump in the Dow Jones industrial average with a savage early markdown that brought the market's recent record-breaking run to a halt.

Later in the session the FT-SE 100 index halved an earlier 50-point fall but attempts to consolidate its position proved short-lived as the Dow turnbled a further 95 points during the first hour of trading in New York yesterday. As a result, the London market closed near its worst of the day, with the index 61.1 lower

at 4.057.4. Trading conditions re-mained thin after the seasonal conditions refestivities, with 455 million shares changing hands. But that ensured that selling pressure remained light.

Siebe was 7p better at £10.89 after paying GEC £80 million for its Satchwell Controls Systerns business. GEC was 4¹2p lower at 377½p. Hays fell 5½p to 554p after spending £30 million on a German logistics

Goldsmiths brought some brief seasonal cheer to the retail sector with an upbeat trading statement. The jeweller reported that sales in the four weeks to December 28 had grown 12.4 per cent, or almost 10 per cent on a likefor-like basis. Results for the vear to February I, are expected to be in line with market expectations. The price fin-ished Ip easier at 38712 p after briefly touching 390p.

The oil sector continued to attract selective support in the wake of last month's £432 million bid for Clyde Petroleum by Gulf Canada. Speculators are on the lookout for the next bid target. Their favourite is Premier Oil, lp firmer at 36's p. Tullow Oil, up

potential target. National Westminster Bank moved against the general market trend for most of the day before finishing 2p easier at 685p. The banks are likely to continue attracting support in the run-up to their dividend reporting season, which gets under way next month. However, beyond NatWest vesterday, the rest of the banks lost ground, Abbey National fell 201p to 7412p.



Growth in subscribers did not cheer Vodafone shares

Bank of Scotland 5p to 303 p, Bardays 20 p to 980p. Royal Bank of Scotland 20p to 5432p, and Standard Chartered 10p to 709p.

A sharp jump in the number of new subscribers failed to cheer Vodafone, the mobile telephone network operator, which finished 6½ p cheaper at 240p. New subscribers grew by 480,000, or 20 per cent.

to £18.75 in a thin market. The dramatic rise in the price during the past few weeks stems from suggestions that Littlewoods, the privately owned retailer, may reverse into Lanica. Littlewoods is currently negotiating with Sears to buy its Freemans mail order business. Lanica started the year at 95p. Another of last year's high-

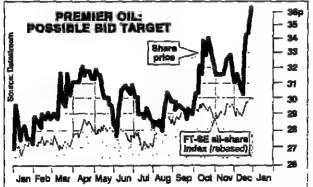
Northern Leisure, the discotheque operator, continues to benefit from last month's "buy" recommendation from Collins Stewart, the broker, with the price adding a further 712p at 19912p. It says the shares could double during the next three years and is looking for 22 per cent earnings growth a year.

during the last quarter of 1996. bringing the total number to 2.8 million. Rival Orange slipped 2½p to 185½p; BT, which owns most of Celinet, eased 112 p to 393p; and Cable and Wireless, the Mercury

operator, fell 162 p to 469p. Lanica Trust, the shell company headed by Andrew Regan, continues to go from strength to strength with the

flyers showed no signs of easing backas shares in Celtic surged £40 to £425. Shares of the football club started 1996

Astee (BSR) dropped 512 p to 152p on learning that Brian Christopher, chairman, had reduced his stake in the company this week. His family trust has sold 1.6 million shares at 154p, reducing his total holding to 3.1 million price surging a further 2124 p



issued share capital.
Shares of Butte Mining

were suspended at 4p after the group failed to produce its annual report within the sixmonth deadline under London Stock Exchange regulations. The group said preparation of the accounts had been delayed by negotiations involving significant lawsuits.

News of increased losses left Beverley Group 4p easier at 14 p. Pre-tax losses in the first six months grew from £462,000 to £537,000. Once again there is no dividend.

Biocompatibles International has featured strongly among the new year share tips, with the price surging another 45p to 865p after briefly touching 957 pp. The Warrants rose 64p to 273 pp.

William Cook was steady at 357'2p after it was revealed that Triplex Lloyd's aggres-sive 309p-a-share offer had received the backing of less than 6 per cent. Triplex stayed at 205p after extending its offer

until January 14.
Fairey Group, which last week increased the terms of its bid for Burufield, dropped 12p to 5654 p. The new terms, worth 165p a share, value Burnfield at £57.7 million. Burnfield slipped 3p to 149p. It was not the best day for

Sanctuary Music to make its debut on AIM after a placing at 65p. The price opened 2p easier at 642p before advancing to close at 65½ p, a premium of ≥p.

☐ GILT EDGED: Prices

dropped by as much as £2, reflecting steep falls among US Treasury bonds. Prices were marked lower at the outset and traded sideways for much of the session before losing further ground in late trading after the stronger than expected North American Pur-

chasing Managers' Index. in the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt tumbled £117/32 to £10813/32 as the total number of contracts completed surged to 37,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 per

cent 2015 plunged El13/16 to £10127/22, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was E¹2 off at £102¹4. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were steady at lower levels in late morning trading after a report on December manufacturing activity sent the bond market sliding. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was

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Solid-gold Christmas

GOLDSMITHS, the first retailer to report on Christmas trading, has delivered the hoped-for good news. Jewellers, even more than other retailers, rely on business surging in the run-up to Christmas, and yesterday's figures show that, for Goldsmiths at least, the 1996 festive season was more glittering than 1995.

Sales at existing shops were 9.8 per cent ahead in the four weeks to December 28. A year ago, sales grew 8.7 per cent in the same Goldsmiths's decision to accelerate its shop

openings is logical in the light of the end of its ambitions to buy Ernest Jones from Signet. Goldsmiths has spent many months in hot pursuit and may well have missed some obvious organic expansion opportunities, but Jurek Piasecki is keen to waste no more time now that Signet has made clear that it intends

to remain, at least for a while, intact and independent.

So far, Goldsmiths has only 3 per cent of the iewellery market; but its ambition is to double that share over the next five years. The only large competitors in the otherwise fractured market are Signet's Ernest Jones, its more downmarket H Samuel and Argos.

Goldsmiths is in a good position to take business away from both independents and from Signet, which has not yet laid out how it will address its structural problems. Expanding the ranges into more moderately priced goods should give Goldsmiths another oppor-tunity to build its share. That said, Goldsmiths' shares almost doubled last year. They are no longer the bargain they were, but at least the danger of a dilutive deal buying Ernest Jones has been removed.

director.

watched closely. Patrick

Walker is on the countdown

to retirement, while Colin

All in all, there are many

reasons to remain cautious

Watmoughs

HAPPY NEW YEAR to Declan Salter, who formally became chief executive of Watmoughs yesterday. In September the anouncement of his promotion from managing director coincided with grim trading news, a share price fall and profit downgrades. Yesterday the shares were 396'zp, against

the 480p high in 1996. Salter can only wish for better this year. He is, however, unlikely to find consolation in the City, where there is widespread acceptance that Watmough's historically high earnings growth cannot be sustained. Overcapacity in web offset has made it more difficult to replace the contract to print the Mail on Sunday's You magazine. Traditionally high margins have been eroded and are

unlikely to recover fully,

particularly given the contin-ued volatility of paper prices. Wise Speke, the broker, Maughan (deputy chairman) and David Burn (managing forecasts profits of £25 million for the current year and director) are also at, or near, £28 million for the following retirement age. Already there is a new finance 12 months. Earlier forecasts were £27.5 million and £30.7

million respectively.

Salter has a good track

record, but the first steps of the new management will be

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GEC

BACK to work after the new year celebrations, and GEC's unravelling of the Weinstock legacy has moved up a gear. Yesterday it announced the sale to Siebe of Satchwell Controls, the UK's largest manulacturer of systems to manage temperature, air flow and humidity in commercial buildings. George Simpson, the new GEC chief executive, said last month that he was keen to offload unwanted businesses. The £80 million sale of Satchwell

is his biggest move to date. type of business that would have brought a warm glow to Lord Weinstock. Part of GEC since 1968 and a market leader in its own niche, Satchwell last year delivered record profits, making £4.9 million from sales of £60.3 million. What this has to do with defence electronics and power systems is another matter. But this would not

DOLLAR RATES

Weinstock all the while Satchwell was recording solid progress in its monthly The new man is more

concerned with focus, the fashion of the age. Clearly, an anomaly such as Satchwell commands little attention in an Ell billion business such as GEC — so out it goes.

GEC has many more ne-glected treasures in the businesses collected within the new industrial group. It is in for a busy year.

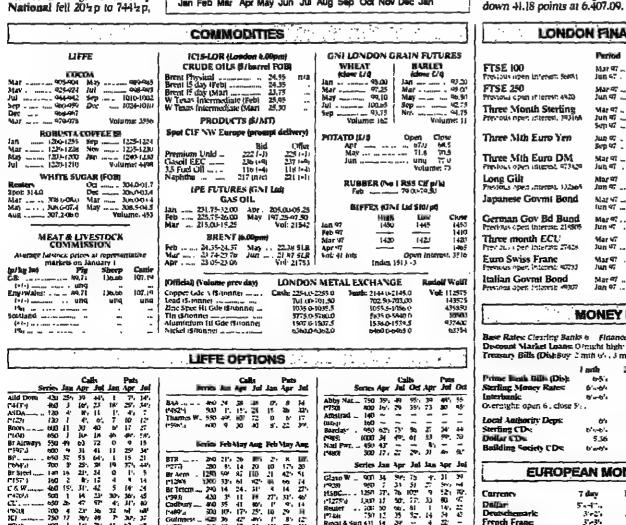
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another impressive increase in customer subscriptions. It boosted its UK customer base by 20 per cent during the past vear. But this is not a time to be smug about such a perfor-mance. The total UK market grew from 5.2 million to 6.8 million subscribers during the same period.

Add to that the new figures on the number of people who are handing back their mobile phones or getting them disconnected. This so-called churn rate shows a substantial increase, from 23 per cent to 26 per cent. Apart from people finding better deals elsewhere, there are two reasons for this. First, many customers with analog phones are switching to digital — the analog churn rate is 30 per cent. Secondly, customers may be switching between service providers without deserting Vodafone, now that competition is flourishing.

Vodafone's response to the rising churn rate was: "We are not too unhappy with VODAFONE has seen that." But neither is the rise a reason to uncork the bubbly.

While the UK results may be a mixed blessing, the international divisions are showing unreservedly strong customer growth. Vodafone doubled its overseas customer base in the last 12 months. And for the first time it has won more customers abroad than in the UK. This bodes well for the flotation of these



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Salter makes his move

A NEW YEAR and a new office for Declan Salter. The former joint managing director of Watmoughs spent his first day as chief executive of the printing group lugging heavy pack-ing boxes along the compa-ny's corridors in Manches-

As one of the perks of his promotion, Salier is swap-ping his cramped corner of the London HQ for the much larger office of his predecessor, Patrick Walker, who is expected to spend at least three days a week in London as Watmough's non-executive chairman. "We decided to keep our own desks, otherwise it would have meant empty-ing all the drawers, "chuck-

Snakes alive

BEURES

St PATRICK might claim to have banished snakes from Ireland, but Tony Aron knows otherwise Rummaging inside the office photocopies, trying to establish why it wasn't working, the media director at McCann Erickson; the Belfast advertising agency, came face to face with a black and yellow serpent. "I shot back about 10 feet," he recalls. "We later discovered it had escaped from City Reptiles on the ground floor and had climbed three sets of stairs to take up residence in my copier." Not had for an American grass souke.

AMONG SBC Warburg's list of ten UK stocks that it expects to outperform dur-ing 1997 — including Brit-ish Aerospace British Aerospace, Braish Land, BT, Caradon, Divons, Independent Tusur ance, Rolls Rayes, Royal 8 Sun Alliance and J Sainsbury - is Mercury ously, until 1995 Warburg owned 75 per cent of MAM. Would that were



"He has gone right off cold turkey

Name pane

AN OFFICE makeover for Allied Trust Bank, which will henceforth be known as Investec Bank. The huge slab of glass in the foyer of Dowgate Hill, London is about to be shown the back door because the inscriptions on the glass signpost no longer make any sense. Since Clive Securities came on board last March, Integro changed its name to Insinger and now Allied Trust Bank (known as Allied Arab Bank until 1989) has been rechristened Whether the almighty pane will end its days as an ultra modern coffee table or at the local bottle bank has yet to be decided.

Dressing down

STEER clear of Mansion House tomorrow, when 600 children will gather there for the Lord Mayor's annual fancy dress party. Introduced in the last century as a late Christmas celebration for London's underprivileged, the shirt-dig has changed much over the years. These days, guests are more likely to include the children and grandchildren of leaders of London Boroughs, staff at Mansion House and a handful of MPs. Good news is however, that Roger Cork will not be wearing fancy dress. Keeping his Mayoral robes safely away from the mess. of the party, he will be wearing multi.



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CURRENCY RATES IN THE D-MARK BLOC SHOW STRONG CONVERGENCE

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Seeking an EMU escape route

AN EMU HEALTH CHECK

Progress on a single currency.

is faltering as Europe bits Maastrich

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reserved contemporary of the single currency project. In Germany, a monterospany consensus in feature of monetary amon was delivered on December 31 when Ostore Tatownies hand of the programme. Lafontaine, head of thespassi-tion SPD, nailed his colours to a pro-EMU mast. Chancellor Kohl will face no serious opposition if he wants to press ahead with the launch of the euro in 1999

in France, years of powerful Government propagands con-tinued to work its magic on the electorate. A new poll in the weekly L'Express shows that 62 per cest of those surveyed expressed the hope that progress towards a single currency will continue this year, in spite of 33 per cent who have no expectation that unemployment will fall from current record levels.

In Frankfurt, central bankers at the European Monetary Institute doggedly continue with their technical prepara-tions. Despite the mounting dismay felt by many of their number at how the single currency project is progress-ing at a posteroi level, there is no him that, mutinously, they regard flicir work as just a touch hypothetical. On famuary 10 we are to be treated to a new report on the technical workings of monetary union

The Single Monetary Policy
in Stage Three — Specification of the Operational

But fair from a year of progress 1997 could prove to the the year of making encuses. The politics of monetary imon were looking districtly ragged by the end of last year. The reason is that the economics are looking even worse. For all the positive rhetoric we will inevitably hear over the next few months, it is quite conceivlar, will be looking for as escape route allowing the 1999 deadline for monetary union to be postponed to the millenmum or beyond. What a relief it would be for John Major and Tony Blair if their sortuous fence-sitting on EMU

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were to be vindicated before

the election, leaving both par-ties free to fight on issues that

are less likely to provoke

Europe has rarely offered

such convenience to British politicians and the blinding

vision on the road to Brussels

will probably not happen soon

enough to help Messrs Major and Blair. But, nevertheless.

some grim economic truths

are beginning to dawn on even

Europe's most fanatical single

currency prophets. Since the Massiricht treaty was signed

in an atmosphere of over-

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treaty's convergence criteria

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line of 1999 are conspiring to

David Marsh of Robert

Fleming sums up a renewed

sense of pessimism in Europe:

A little like Versailles and

Weimar, Maastricht appears

destined for permanent associ-

ation with a grand European

design that started in hope and

petered out in ignominy." In his paper Maastricht five

years on: What future for Europe?, he goes on to provide

a succinct summary of the trail

Europe. He notes that annual

average growth in the Euro-pean Union fell to 1.4 per cent in 1991-95, compared with 3.3 per cent in 1986-90 and 1.5 per cent in 1981-85, the years when economic stagnation spawned the phrase Euroscierosis. Europe's fiscal position has deteriorated abysmally since the late 1980s. The annual average government borrowing requirement rose to 5.3 per cent in 1991-95, from 3.4 per cent in 1986-90: Since 1990, EU public sector debt has risen by \$2,000 billion to 71 per cent of gross

around 2 per cent, against 1.6 per cent in 1996, but this will not be enough to justify the European Commission's optimistic boast that 12 out of the EU's 15 members will cut their deficits to 3 per cent or less of GDP this year, the statistical test year for membership of EMU. The much lower debt criteria — limiting public debt to 60 per cent of GDP — is also going to cause a lot of grief. Countries such as Germany, Anstria, Spain, Finland and

6 Since Maastricht Europe's economies have failed to deliver ?

domestic product in 1995, from 55 per cent in 1990 and 38 per cent in 1980.

Defenders of Europe's economic record would argue that lower EU inflation down to an average 3.9 per cent in 1991-95 against 4.9 per cent in 1986-90 - is still an achievement to be treasured but there are many, including Mr Marsh, who believe that inflation would have fallen even without the drive towards monetary union.

This year, growth in the EU is thought likely to rise to

pass through the 60 per cent level and are still rising. Slow growth means even higher unemployment, more social spending, reduced tax revenues, even more stubborn. debt piles and deficits, leading to even more politically un-

popular spending cuts and tax increases. The French electorate as represented by the L'Express poll seem resigned to swallowing more nasty medicine but their political leaders are beginning to worry about the social and political damage wrought by mass

To date. Germany has simply given in to France's valiant efforts to build what Bonn and Frankfurt no doubt regard as dangerous ill-discipline into the whole system. The biggest question for 1997 is whether Germany will continue to capitulate. A poll by the Allensbach Institute last May

unemployment. Giscard d'Es-

taing placed a well-timed bomb under the political es-

tablishment when he ques-

tioned the wisdom of the franc

fort policy. Although the Gov-

ernment cried foul and refused

to budge on the sanctity of the

existing parity between the franc and the mark. President

Jacques Chirac showed that

he, too, has concerns about

imposing German-style defla-

tion discipline on France by

facing down Bonn's demands

for automatic sanctions post-

EMU for countries running

cessive deficits.

showed that 58 per cent of voters were against monetary union, with 20 per cent for and 22 per cent don't cares or don't knows. In contrast, 83 per cent of German decision-makers were pro EMU, with 15 per cent against and 2 per cent don't cares.

Voters are not listened to that often but their views do hold weight at election time, at

BUSINESS LETTERS

Hasten relief for names

From Sir Eric Yarrow Sir, Many resigned Lloyd's names paid their finality bill in September, with varying degrees of difficul-ty and in some cases. involving the sale of shares, with subsequent capital gains liability or having to obtain a bank loan incurring interest charges.

seem more sensitive than

many of their European coun-

terparts to voters' scepticism

on the single currency, it is

only because the election is

imminent, But Germany's pol-

iticians face an election in October 1998. If one wants to

conjure up a flavour of the democratic will they might be

up against, it is worth noting that, in June of that year, there

will be ceremonies all over

Germany celebrating the 50th

anniversary of the mark, the

precious totem of post-war

It is more than likely that

the proportion of ordinary Germans opposed to giving up

the mark will have risen since

the Allensbach poll last May.

Many will not be best pleased

with all the outrageous accounting fiddles being nod-

ded through by the European

Commission as it colludes

with countries trying to meet

the Maastricht criteria. Even less acceptable is the sight of

President Chirac outgunning Chancellor Kohl on the stabil-

ity pact at the Dublin summit.

All this makes the wait-and-

see position of the British

Conservative and Labour par-

ties look eminently sensible

and reinforces the impression

that, however eagerly conti-

nental Euro-enthusiasis await

a Biair government for a more

positive British approach to EMU, they are likely to be

disappointed — even if Labour

that it wants proof that the

single currency would be good

for Britain economically. The

accumulating evidence points

the other way - at the very least on the 1999 timetable.

which is wreaking such damage. Politically, EMU is not

likely to be the subject closest

to Mr Blair's heart in the early

days of his administration. He

is already committed to refer-

enda on Scottish and Welsh

devolution and current polls

suggest that a referendum on

Europe would come up with a

no vote anyway. And, amid all the furor about Conservative

splits over Europe, it should be

remembered that Labour has

a considerable band of its own

rebels who, with an election

win under their belts, would

not hesitate to voice their

views. Even with a reasonable

majority, Mr Blair is unlikely

to want to annoy them with so

much other pressing business

could provide Germany with

one excuse for delay, a spring

assault on the Italian lira

another. Both would allow

Bonn to divert the blame for

postponing EMU to two tried

and tested European scape-

goats: Britain and Anglo-Sax-

Britain's non-participation

to pursue.

on speculators.

Labour has made it clear

stability and achievement.

There is now a further burden in that it seems a refund of tax from the Inland Revenue, in some cases a considerable amount, will not be received until the spring of 1997 or possibly even later. Surely in the circumstances, a determined effort should be made by all concerned to reduce this time scale. Yours faithfully

ERIC YARROW, Cloak, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

Boeing merger a gift for UK

From Mr Dick Winchester Sir, The merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas (The Times, December (6) reduces competition in the aircraft industry and represents an enormous opportunity for the UK and Europe to step in and grab a much larger chunk of the market.

Accordingly, I look forward to reading that, just as their American counterparts would, UK financial institutions are holding talks to determine how they can work with industry and government in making the best of this wonderful Christmas present. Strange, I've just seen a 400-seater pink pig go over at 35,000 feet! Yours faithfully, DICK WINCHESTER,

The Old Schoolhouse, Old Rayne, Aberdeenshire.

Accounting 'error'

From Mr Francis J. Bergin Sir. The news (The Times, Accountancy, December 5) that the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants is setting up yet another institute is pro foundly depressing. Surely what is needed is a reduction in the number of chartered and non-chartered bodies, not the creation of an additional one.

This proposal also seems to run counter to all the discussions on integration over the past 30 years. Yours faithfully FRANCIS J. BERGIN, Eistree House, Herdordshire.

Waterstone aims to prove that success is child's play

Waterstone hopes he will be celebrating the first successful Christmas of his latest brainchild. Three years after leaving the

stores that he founded and then sold to WH Smith, Mr Waterstone is set to return to the hight street in 1997 with Daisy & Tom, a new chain of children's department stores, which will sell clothes, shoes, books, games and toys among other things

When Waterstone's first-became successful, he recalls, he tried to insist (especially to The Guardian) that the stores were not upmarket. This time, he is happy to admit he is going for the top. "If you set out to be the best, and are not frightened that you will be appealing to upper income groups, you have a tremendous opportunity," he says.

Mr Waterstone has no regrets about selling Water-stone's to WH Smith for £42 million, making himself £9 million. "I did exactly what I told everyone all along I would do," he says. But he still takes a very close interest in the business: "Smith's is such a disaster, but Bill Cockburn (WH Smith's chief executive) is eminently sensible in running Waterstone's separately. It is a damn good business a firm

brand in a firm niche." The first branch of Daisy & Tom will open on the Kings Road, London, in May. It will not be as expensive or exclusive as Harrods, he says, but the clothes will be a little bit smarter than those sold at Gap Kids) which provides most of the clothes for his own small children. He says he is



Tim Waterstone has high hopes for his new chain

aspiring to offer the same sort of clothes sold by Sophie Mirman at her two London childrenswear stores. Trotters. Mr Waterstone thinks her clothes are "wonderful", but the suggestion that the two 80s retail stars could work together is greeted with a guifaw. There wouldn't be room for

our two egos," he says. The eventual Daisy & Tom stores will all be big and will have a few features in common. Each will have a working carousel, a four-face clock in the centre of the book department, giant rocking horses and toys displayed in a huge toy cupboard. His favourite tov display is at the Chicago branch of FAO Schwarz. He says: "It is really magnificently

done, but I'll be disappointed if we are not better." Since selling the bookshops, Mr Waterstone has concentrated on writing novels. He has published three so far and recently signed a contract to write another six. Despite this, the 56-year-old is raring to get back into retailing. "I love starting things up," he says, "and I'm very excited by the reaction we've already had."

The company is negotiating for sites in Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh and hopes to have at least three branches opening next year. Mr Waterstone thinks there are opportunities to open up to 30 branches all over the UK and in Ireland. and expects more London stores, in places like Covent

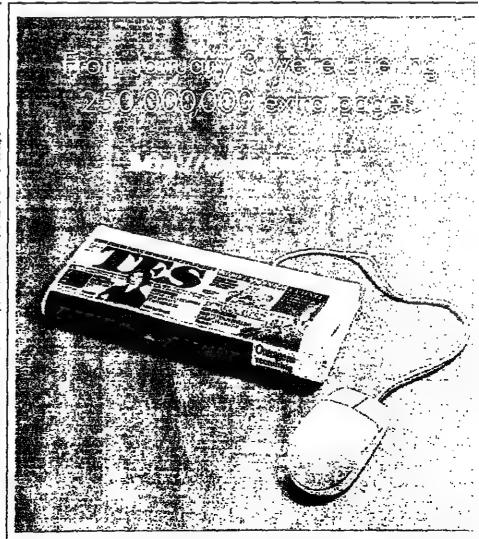
Garden, Islington and Kingston. He also likes the idea of opening abroad. "It is perfect for Europe. Paris would be a knockout," he reckons. As the father of eight, from

three marriages, Mr Waterstone has a store of knowledge about children. He also has a special knowledge of children's books, but his worry when the Daisy & Tom concept first came to him, late in 1995, , was that he would not be able to find the right people to handle the other departments. He has spent much of the last year hiring key staff, including Marian Hill. Harrods' childrenswear buyer of 20 years.

Considering that work is only now about to begin on the first Daisy & Tom branch, Mr Waterstone and his partners - DC Thomson and Quester - already have a very clear idea of what they want to do with the company. One year after the first three branches have begun trading, they want it to float on AIM. Then, as soon as possible, they want to move the company on to the main exchange. Mr Water-stone will remain both chief executive and chairman until the company is on the main

Mr Waterstone says he is thoroughly confident that this is the right time to start up Daisy & Tom. He had a great 80s, founding Waterstone's in 1982 and nursing it through expansion, deep recession and sale. But now, he says, "feels better than the 80s, when it was all so debt driven. This does not feel like a bubble about to burst".

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Ryanair scheduled for market take-off on route to Europe

xecutives at Ryanair, the independent trish airline, take their no-seriously. A recent telephone request to sneak to Michael O'Leary. Ryanair's chief executive, at company headquarters in Dublin airport was greeted with a nervous giggle and a surprising explanation. 'Oh, he's not around here. He's probably down with the rest of them loading the luggage," said a secretary.
There's nothing much going on in administration and the rest of them are run off their feet so they all go down to

Although Mr O'Leary and his senior colleagues spent Christmas tuning up their muscles on the luggage ramps, the new year will see them back in serious executive mode to prepare for one of the most challenging periods of their air-

line's turbulent 11-year history. It is believed that Ryanair is preparing to float on the Dublin Stock Exchange within months. Although the company refuses to comment, market analysis say that the airline has been in discussions with exchange officials since last

The company, which claims to have pioneered the low-fares/no-frills approach to flying in Europe, has shaken the industry to its foundations in Ireland. Set up by Tony Ryan, an entrepreneur, in 1985, the airline attracted instant applause from travellers who had long complained about the high prices charged by Aer Lingus, a state-owned carrier. Initially Ryanair concenEileen McCabe follows the flightpath of Ireland's successful independent airline

gradually muscled in on the Dublin to Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow routes. But despite its popularity with the public, Ryanair hit serious turbulence in 1990 and was forced to carry out an extensive restructuring, including redundancies and route reductions.

Much to Acr Lingus's dismay. Ryanair re-emerged with its old agenda intact. The company continued to em-barrass Aer Lingus by undercutting even its most discounted fares and launched regular broadsides against the

Europe - Dublin to London - and fees charged by Aer Rianta, the stateowned controller of Ireland's airports.

The financial turnaround has been impressive. After a loss for the year to December 1990 of almost IrE7 million (£6.9 million), Ryanair notched up a profit of Ir£290.000 in 1991. Over the following three years the profits gradually increased, and for the 15 months to March 1995. Ryanair made profits of

From a high of 13 routes in 1990, Ryanair cut back to five in 1992. Since then it has steadily built back up and by

last year once again boasted a network of 13 routes. They include flights from Dublin to Stansted. Gatwick, Luton, Cardiff and Glasgow.

According to Ryanair, passenger numbers have jumped from 726,000 in 1990 to three million last year. The company claims to have captured a 37 per cent share of the Dublin to London route and 52 per cent of the Dublin to provincial UK routes.

Ryanair has now set its sights on the wider European market. Recently it announced the purchase of six Boeing Tall aircraft from Luthansa for US\$60. million to service a series of new lowfare services from Stansted to several European cities, including Paris and Brussels. The company has also warned the airport authority and the Irish public that if Aer Rianta does not reduce its passenger charges from about IrES per person to close to the Stansted level of IrEi, then Dublia will not figure in Ryanair's expansion plans.

And those may not stop at Europe, if the recent acquisition of a 20 per cent stake in Ryanair by David Bonderman, an American businessman, is anything to go by. Mr Bonderman, who runs the Texas Pacific Group investment company, was a key player in the turn-around of both Continental and America West airlines. His track record in the US - and the fact that in November Mr Ryan stepped aside as chairman in the American's favour tend to indicate that a flotation on the Dublin exchange may happen sooner rather than later.

Richard Thomson on the US investment dilemma

Question of values on Wall Street

A final day of trading on Wall Street in 1996 brought to to an uncertain end a record-setting year for equities in America, making it even more difficult to forecast the likely outturn for 1997.

Bullish analysts and investors who insist that the way is still up easily outnumber the bears who claim that shares are heading for a fall which could, at worst, be catastrophic. A year ago, however, the bears were more numerous and turned out to be totally wrong. This time, will it be the bulls who are proved wrong?

The bullish argument is fairly simple: the conditions that sent the market up by more than 25 per cent in 1996 will not change radically in 1997. Inflation will stay low at around 3.5 per cent, as will interest rates, helped by the recent steep fall in the US budget deficit. Even if interest rates did start to rise, it would not have a significant impact on inflation during 1947. Corporate profits, meanwhile, will continue to rise as companies benefit from low interest rates and moves towards greater efficiency. Inflation-adjusted price earnings ratios are right in line historically with the current inflation level, so the market is not overvulued.

Abby Joseph Cohen, market strategist at Guldman Sachs. further growth but at a slightly



Wall Street saw out a record-setting year with a 101-point fall, making it even more difficult to chart 1997

but I'm not as exuberantly or ebuliently bullish as in the past. There are still good value stocks to buy." Her favourite choices are small capital and technology stocks.

in the other camp stands a select but influential band of analysts whose hair stands on end when they contemi current market valuations. To of valuing stocks show the market is way beyond its historical norms. The dividend yields on S&P 500 shares, for instance - one of the standard US methods of valuing the market - is at its lowest level on record, indicat-

To some extent, this is an effect, they are saying that slower rate. "I am still bullish, them, all traditional methods argument about which value things are different this time.

measures to use. What is striking about the bullish side, The bears, meanwhile, reinforce their point that economic conditions simply will not stay as favourable in the coming however, is a willingness to ietison the measures that used year. Companies have already to be considered sacrosance but which now inconveniently squeezed all the extra costs suggest that prices are far too and productivity gains they can out of their operation over high. The bulls spend a lot of time explaining why the old

We are almost certainly at the bottom of the interest rate and inflation cycle. There is little doubt the US economy is fairly robust, which may lead to higher inflation and a consequent rise in interest rates. In any case, the bears argue, it is foolish to bet against an interest rate rise, because of the attitude of the Federal Reserve Board and Alan Greenspan, its

chairman. Mr Greenspan terrified the markets shortly before Christmas by suggesting that share prices were suffering from "irrational exuberance". He has

made it clear he thinks the stock market is developing into a dangerous bubble that could be unnecessarily destructive. Bubbles need to be pricked before they grow too big, so if the market continues to rise, it is reasonable to assume that Mr Greenspan may increase interest rates to do just this, even if inflation stays level. So a rise in interest rates - the event the market

probably fears most — is highly likely, if not inevitable, How far might the market fall? At the soft end of predictions is Michael Metz, equity strategist for Oppenheimer, who sees either a static market or a gentle decline until prices return to their historical levels. This could take most of the

year, or longer. At the cataclysmic end is veteran pundit Barton Biggs. chief global strategist at Morgan Stanley. He forsees a correction "pretty soon" of ten to 30 per cent. Needless to say, ten per cent would be a shock for a market used to relentless advance, but 30 per cent would be an earthquake approaching the crash of the early 1970s in severity. Mr Biggs is, of course, advising investors to dump stocks and build up

cash in their portfolios. Overseas markets will fall when New York falls, says Mr Biggs. He is probably right. Seeing the way London and of lesser markets. Bew into a panic over Mr Greenspan's remarks, it is feared the rest of the world is looking to the US for a lead. The great imponderable, if the market does start to fall, is what the millions of small investors who have pumped hundreds of billions of dollars of savings into equities over the past two years may do. Historical evidence suggests private inves-tors tend to panic less than professionals in market downturns, but the past, as they say, is not necessarily a guide to the

The big freeze and low stocks help to heat up price of oil.

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

il prices have started the year with a rally, the freezing weather across Europe having stoked demand for heating oil, much as it did during the cold snap in America a year ago.

The February futures contract for Brent crude on the International Petroleum Exchange in London was up 56 cents a barrel at \$24.37 yesterday from its 1996 clos-

ing price.

Brent prices are still around 70 cents below the six-year high of \$25.06 a barrel that was reached a few months ago but traders said that an extended cold spell. combined with low oil storage tanks might trigger a fresh rally that could challenge that level.

Alan Haywood, of Bankers Trust International oil division in London, said: "We see . oil prices being volatile in the short term but with an upward bias.

"It's hard to be bearish with the cold weather but the market has been jumpy over the holiday period and will down."

Severely cold weather continued across much of Europe yesterday and energy demand is expected to be well above normal, according to Weather Services Corporation, a private forecaster.

Some of the waterways that take heating oil up the Rhine to the important German market were partially blocked by ice yesterday and likely to cause delays, traders

Germany, easily Europe's biggest heating oil consumer,

has been running on unusu-

ally thin inventories. German household stocks of heating oil fell in November to about 62 per cent of capacity, from 68 per cent last year, according to estimates from traders.

Gas oil (heating oil) futures traded in London have gained approximately 6 per cent over the past month and January futures were up \$7.50 a tonne at \$231.25 in mid-morning. But for German consumers, a barge of oil loading in Rotterdam. The Netherlands, costs \$2 a tonne above futures even before transport costs are added.

Adding a bullish twist to European developments was news earlier this week that China needs to import about one million tonnes of diesel fuel over the next month to ease a domestic shortage. Diesel fuel comes from the same cut of an oil barrel as heating oil and the Chinese demand might suck some of that oil out of Europe.

In the important region of northeastern United States. distillate stocks, which in-clude heating oil, are 13 per cent lower than levels experienced a year ago.

Meanwhile, oil markets have had little difficulty so far in absorbing the limited volumes of Iraqi oil exports that are permitted under the United Nations oil-for-food ex-

Iraq has just started to export under one of 21 contracts for some 500,000 barrels a day of crude sales. enough at current prices to raise the \$2 billion that it is allowed over a six-month period to pay for humanitarian needs.

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Labour counts on quality from training scheme

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL ROLTOR

significant change in its plans to encourage individuals to train - by varying the payments that a future government would offer to frainces with the aim of improving training quality.

The party will unweil its full pre-election training plans next month, when it launches a new consolidated employment package on training. The package will include plans for indi-

vidual learning accounts, which would he used by people to select they need and which will replace Labour's old notion of training levies. In addition.

the new package will set out plans for the structures of training in Byers: committed Britain, including the

business-led Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs). which now administer government-funded training. Labour will leave Tees largely unchanged, although it will propose a range of measures to improve their local

accountability. Central to Labour's propos-als for individual learning accounts (ILAst, which have been criticised by Labour leftwingers as insufficient to meet the scale of Britain's training

abour is considering a deficit, is its pledge to place government money into every ILA to part-fund an individ-ual's training programme. Labour had envisaged per-

haps £150 per person as the Government's contribution. But key training providers have argued that this is insufficient, even with an individual's own contribution.

Therefore, Labour leaders are now considering varying the amount to be contributed. For instance, it

might be dou-bled to £300, but for a smaller number of people, to keep within budgetary plans. Labour recognises that this would mean a smaller number of po-

but believes the of training would valuable. But party

leaders are examining the option of of increasing the ILA contribution but applying it to a smaller number of people in the second and subsequent years of the operation of the scheme.

Stephen Byers, Labour's Shadow Employment Minister, says: "In the first year _ we are committed to the £150 for one million accounts. In subsequent years it may be that we can alter it in the light of experience."



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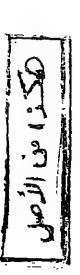
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VISUAL ART

How Baroness Thyssen amassed her own collection of art, a wide variety of more than 500 paintings



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VISUAL ART: As her collection tours China, Baroness Thyssen tells Isabel Carlisle what inspires her

Lady with a Latin passion for art

ional heroine, which has only a little to do with the fact that she was once crowned Miss Spain. In 1985 she married the German steel magnate Baron Hans Hemrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, and was instrumental in his decision in 1988 to decline Margaret Thatcher's offer of a new museum at. Canary Wharf for his collec-tion of Old Master and mod-

em paintings.

The art, including Holbein's portrait of Henry VIII, went instead to Madrid. As part of the deal the Spanish Government paid for a £239 million restructuring of the Villahermosa Palace near the Prado. for which Baroness Thyssen

manent by buying all the works for £138 million. The money from that sale was children and the private collection was similarly

style of Alfred Sixley, and my

chose the marble floors and

the apricot pink walls. My meeting with the baron and baroness in the Villahermosa, to talk about her own recently formed collection, coincided with a press conference at which art and political diplomacy were again combined. Baroness Thyssen and Chinese Ambassador in signatures to a sponsorship deal: the baroness's paintings are to be shown in Peking, and imese Lasterii Airimes na offered to fly them out. The Baron, who sent 14 exhibitions. of his collection to the Soviet Union during the Brezhoev era, says: We believe in the diplomacy of art because it brings people and countries closer together. The Chinese were looking for an exhibition that combined American 19thcentury works, Impressionist paintings and Picasso, all of which Carmen has.".

It is no coincidence that these are also the strengths of the baron's own collection. started by his father in the 1920s and greatly expanded watch the fighting. It is a

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collector when you are nearly
50. What sparked that?
I grew up with the smell of
paint, "says the baroness." My
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6 I collect because I have this inner feeling, and to improve the collection ? RARONESS THYSSEN

about art then: I only became involved when we were looking for a home for Heini's collection that would prevent it. from being divided among the family. After the Spanish ne-gotiations were ended we began to buy paintings togeth er, and one learns. Now I ever like Russian Constructivism difficult. We mainly OTACE OF DIOCOME OR EN telephone to salerooms, but it is a terrible process. You think you have got the painting and

A recent triumph was Buil Fight in Elbar by the 19thcentury Spanish painter Ignacio Zuloaga y Zabaleta, which the Thyssens bought from Sotheby's saleroom in New York for just over a million dollars. It shows a: makeshift bullring in the central plaza of a Spanish mounrain town with locals crowding round to talk and



The 500 paintings in Baroness Thyssen's collection include this early Picasso, The Harvesters; works by Gauguin; a Kandinsky or two, a couple of Canalettos and a little Goya

museum-quality painting, and a key work in terms of the baroness's collection, from an artistic period on which she has concentrated her buying. "I have always been in love with 19th and 20th-century Spanish painting and no one, not even museums, has collected these paintings seriously," she says. "A very strong link exists between them and

French and American paintings of the same date."

American landscapes by 19th-century artists such as Albert Bierstadt and Frederic Church, with their vermilion sunsets and bright yellow dawns, were snapped up in the 1970s by the baron when museums and clubs were eager to raise cash for buying impressionists. Several have found their way into the baroness's collection, together with colourful "genre" scenes of everyday life a hundred or more years ago by littleknown artists; major works by Gauguin of Martinique and Tahiti; an early painting by Picasso called The Harvesters: a Kandinsky or two; a couple of Canalettos: a little Gova

picture of Beggars at a Foun-

tain; and others. In all there as light and water. That may are more than 500 paintings, valued in March this year by the Spanish magazine Anten-

na at \$125 million. In terms of quality the collection is uneven. Genre scenes are particularly prone to sliding into the chocolatebox league, and the baroness admits her enthusiasms are for people and colour, as well

well change. Collections evolve over time and this one has hardly begun, driven by the vagaries of a new-found passion (some collectors call it an addiction). "I collect because I have this inner feeling and I collect in order to make the collection better. I like art because artists paint what they feel. I don't have any long-term plans for the collection but it makes me happy to continue the Thyssen tradition." says the baroness. who is now the only Thyssen collecting on a large scale.

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OPERA: John Allison on a fine revival of Chérubin at Covent Garden

Satisfying sex'n'sentiment

AS IF anxious not to waste a moment before Covent Garden's closure, the Royal Opera began a most uncertain 1997 with an upbeat New Year's Day revival of Chérubin. Casting Massener's light comedie chantee with strength from top to bottom, and persuading the conductor John Eliot Gardiner to make one of his all-too-rare appearances in a British opera house, it hardly resembled the com-pany that only last autumn was churning out standard repertory in a string of lackhustre revivals.

Chérubin is too insubstantial to be standard repertory. but it does not deserve its neglect or even the sneering "sex 'n' sentiment" gibes of the composer's detractors. Its unpretentious plot takes up the story of the post-Figuro Chérubino, at 17 enjoying a very amorous education in spite of the efforts of his tutor. He chases every skirt that

moves, including that of L'Ensoleillad, a prima ballerina who happens to be the King of Spain's mistress; but she drops him with a song extolling the advantages of a one-night stand, and he is at last united with Nina, the girlnext-door who has always

With the exception of

L'Ensoleillad's enchanting Aubade, the fluent, frothy music is attractive rather than memorable: the elderly Massenet's inspiration was perhaps wearing thin when he composed the opera for its St Valentine's Day premiere in 1905 at Monte Cario. But Gardiner paces the piece to perfection, never allowing sentiment to spill over into sentimentality: the score's many elements, from Spanish pastiche to an apt Don Giovanni quotation at the close, are gathered up into one satisfy-

ig whole.



Unlucky in love: Elizabeth Futral and Susan Graham

sparkle so without Tim Albery's production, which the director himself has returned to supervise. Recognising that the piece lacks the satirical bite of Offenbach. Albery nevertheless stages it as an opercua, with gags that But Chérubin would not are never overplayed. Antony

inspired designs are beguiling, and alert to the emotional temperature of each act.

Above all, it is the cast that

makes this Cherubin unmiss-

able. Susan Graham returns to the (travesti) title role, her rich and wonderfully focused high mezzo matched to crisp words and a very physical nortraval of the ardent adolescent. Robert Lloyd is again fine as Le Philosophe, but the objects of the boyish passion are all new. Elizabeth Futral a glinering L'Ensoleillad. Ali-son Hagley a devoted Nina, and Nicole Tibbels in her Royal Opera debut as the Countess. William Dazeley stands out in his house debut as the Count. joining Ryland Davies's Duke and Thomas Allen's deliciously camp Baron to make up the powderpoof trio that plays for unashamed laughs.

JOHN ALLISON

Farce sans fun

sion to rework. The Marriage of Figaro, Beaumarchais' sequel to The Barber of Seville. two hundred years after it was written. Michael West's translation, however, offers none. The bare bones of a predictably knotty farce are certainly present. Before the scheming servant Figaro (Andrew Bennett) can marry his true love, Suzanne (Karen Ardiff), he must set free a couple of hostages to fortune. find the parents who abandoned him at birth, and keep his venal master, the Count (Nick Dunning), away from

West has transposed Beau-

THERE ought to be a good

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marchais' play from the late THEATRE The Marriage

18th century to the middle of the 20th, and of Figaro slipped it into the same mi Abbey, Dublin lien as Jean Re-

noir's La Règle du Jeu. This was perhaps not J'oi detor Amours and a the wisest decision, for the contrasts, most obviously in levels of energy and comic imagination, between Renoir's work and West's are far from flattering to the young Irish writer.

Even with pauses for en-

tertainment in the shape of Andrew Scott's coy rendition. of Charles Trenet's Boum. Jasmine Rusacij, 2 2mamb pop version of

protracted dance scene that leaves the large cast gasping for air. The Marriage of Figuro lacks exuberance. The language of farce is clearly not one that the director, Brian Brady, speaks with any fluency. Lust. hvpocrisy and subterfuges are all givens here, but he does not come close to knowing why any of them is funny. Spacing is a problem.

Even when embracing, the cast seem strangely isolated one from the other, acting into too much empty space. Bennett makes a fair Figaro, skating between manipulative, worldly and plain dumb, but his interactions always register a degree or two below body temperature.

Ardiff, so impressive recently in Good Morning Mr Collins, is here almost entirely lost in the undergrowth as

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A sucker for sentiment

POPSICLE Popsicle

(Telegram/WEA 0630-16989) IT IS getting difficult to tell when one "Swedish invasion" ends and the next begins, For although that country's domestic market is in decline and competition abroad has never been keener, Sweden's roster of internationally successful, English-language pop acts continues to swell out of all proportion to its current ranking as only the world's l6th-largest music market.

While the Cardigans and the Wannadics have made the running overseas in recent months, the four-piece group Popsicle is actually a more established act in Sweden itself. Their third album is a typically endearing mixture of pop melody and indie melancholy, a sort of halfway house between the Lemonheads and

Like their Scandinavian contemporaries, Popsicle have a tendency to sound rather weightless, despite the regulation revving guitars, while their lyrics sometimes scan as if lifted from a phrasebook. And they all seem to wish they had been born in England or America: "I never went to high school/And origin you can't choose," goes a song about wanting to be an American

But at their best, as on Please Don't Ask, with its echoes of Elvis Costello's Alison, they turn feelings of loss POP ALBUMS: David Sinclair taps a foot to

Popsicle and the happening sound of Sweden and dejection ("I'm so empty THE HARVEST

tunes that gently ease away the cares of the world. TONY FERRINO

Phenomenon (RCA/BMG 7432144711) UNLIKE Sweden, Portugal has not been noted in recent years for its contribution to hip, alternative pop, a situation which will not be reversed by the arrival of "Portuguese singing sensation" Tony Ferrino, the latest creation of British comedian Steve

and the days so long") into

Coogan. On songs such as Valley of our Souls. which he dedicates to "my friend, philosopher, philanthropist and spiritual guru, Hugh Hefner, and Other Men's Wives (Morals? Who caresi A stud must have mares). Ferrino/Coogan par-

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smarniy, bed-hopping. Mediterranean crooner with engag-MINISTERS ingly merciless wit. Orbit Coogan has done his home-(Setanta SETCD33) work, and the facile, easy-

listening musical style of Phenomenon is suitably convincing. His "1980 Eurovision Song Contest winner", Papa Bendi, is especially excruciating. But even the best jokes tend to pall after a couple of hearings, and the humour here is rather one-dimensional, as suggested by titles including Lap Dancing Lady, Fishing For Girls, Man Stallion and Short Term Affair (a duet with Björk taking the role

of a nubile au pair). While various TV specials will ensure that Ferrino is firmly clutched to the bosom of our irony-loving nation, one imagines Phenomenon might receive a rather cooler reception in Portugal.

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WHILE the Swedes have the

week's best tunes and Portu-

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the most outrageous chat-up

lines, the Irish remain the

undisputed spiritual guard-

ians of pop's common market.

Orbit is the third album by the

Harvest Ministers from Dub-

lin and, despite the group identity, it is essentially a

vehicle for the songs and

ish, who also plays drums throughout, it is a collection that dissects relationships in slow and mordant detail during Our Destinies Were Intertwined, and attempts to get to the bottom of "how you really feel about the stuff of your life" in A Feeling Mission. Unfortunately, there is little

in the way of melody or uplift in the ambling and often disjointed arrangements to act as balm on the raw emotions thus exposed, and the album stands as a rather grey and joyless monument to Merriman's uncompromising integrity.

RICK WILSON

Suitable Language (Third Force/RTM TFCD 001) AN UNUSUALLY inquisitive percussionist. Rick Wilson straddles the divide between the flowing world rhythms of the WOMAD festivals, where he has taught percussion, and the fierce, brittle experimentalism of the English avantgarde, where he first made his mark in groups including the

Work and Family Fodder. Not surprisingly, Wilson's debut album, Suitable Language, keeps on the move both stylistically and culturally. With its tense, grumbling piano lines and rumbling interweave of Agere drum. bodhran and congas. Ride/Override is full of mystery and danger. Acts of Feel builds up a tremendous, galloping momentum with the sounds of chenda. darabuka, seed pods, gongs and a "thunder sheet" being seamlessly integrated with regular tom toms, bass drum and cymbals.

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... to that eagerly awaited third album from the undisputed kings of Britpop, Oasis





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Simply everyone, from the Procesy to U2 and David Bowie, will be laying down a groove of the cance floor. Paul Sexton reports

debate is on again. Are we in for 12 months of British music shaped by the share dividends of multip al corporations, or will this be a year in which home grown creative try comes charging to the rescue? The new year runainations of several interested parties suggest we may approach 1997 with optimism, as long as those areasts holding the balance of power do not

disappear up their own ego.

"All of a sudden last year, kids were buying records again. says Neil Burrow, of Jam X Management. I don't see why that shouldn't go on in 1997, and beyond. Burrow is the manager of the Bluetones, one of the freshest of last year's harvest of guitar bands, whose debut album Expecting to

Fly sold 300,000 copies.
Burrow believes that no balance sheet or corporate policy can tell the "kids" where to place their money. "Surely it all comes down to a band being a good band. If that's not right, I shouldn't be doing this job." If any guitar band will determine

the sound of rock this year, it will be Oasis. Their third album, rumoured to be titled Be Here Now, is not yet scheduled for release, but its launch will come not a second too soon for the industry and adoring ians alike "I'll be very interested to see

which way Oasis go, says Simon Fowler of Ocean Colons Scene, themselves one of the shiring successes of 1996. They know how to survive, and I do admire that Fowler feels that British rocks positive surge will continue this

s the high street shelves habel the light langer around to are reliiled with the first pigeomore parts. That was a very new music of 1997, the easy general term but I think it was ity I don't think Kola Shaker could have happened two years ago. A for appened have an awhill lot of confidence, because they don't

> A lot of people have an awful lot of

see themselves as having so fit in with a certain thing."

confidence 9

Ocean Colour Scene will release a B-sides compilation next month while continuing work on the sequel to Mossing Shouls, their breakthrough album which has now some double platfarm, while the Bluetones are demo-ing songs for their second LP. Meanwhile, the first among the rock elite to serve up fresh morsels this year will be thin, whose self-titled lifth allown is released next month. The single Bestlehum out on January 20, is a come departure from the barrow-boy pop of Country House, in inyour of the more experimental wife of Bhir's earlier years. They will spend much of the year on the read, with British festival dates planned for the summer and a UK.

Meanwhile, UZ are due back in

title of the band's impending single, Discotheque, hints at the club sensibility that New York DJ collaborator Howie B will bring to their stadium-targeted rock attack.
April will bring Ultra. Depeche
Mode's first album since singer
Dave Gahan attempted suicide and
then overdosed before successfully entering rehabilitation.

The Chemical Brothers, collabo-rators with Noel Gallagher on one of 1996's most vital chart-topping singles, Setting Sun, are expected, along with the Prodigy, to spearhead dance music's continuing takeover of the mainstream. "It's interesting that two of the bigges rock records of 1996 were dance records," says Simon Sadler, head of music at London dance radio station Kiss 100, of Setting Sun and the Prodigy's Firestarter. "Although you wonder whether it is strictly dance any more: I think far more indie fans than dance fans bought Setting Sun."

wen 12 months ago, it would have been hard to swallow the idea of a record as hard-hitting as Firesturter, by a group with as confrontational an image as the Prodigy, reaching into millions of iving rooms on Top of the Pops. Sadler sees it as a reflection of the power of dance culture to retrain the ears of a large audience. "Jungle music seems to be crossing over now, and we're contemplating introducing the current happy hardcore' sound to our daytime listeners. To a lot of them, that will sound as difficult as jungle did

Jon Cobbin of Tower Records



Last year the Prodigy crossed over from the clubs to the chart mainstream; this year David Bowie makes his own way into the jungle

release in the next few months] will be enormous. On a par with U2, I imagine." He also predicts that this month will see Bush, those British rockers adored in America but relatively unknown here, finally welcomed home, as their recent American No l Razorbiade Suitcase is released on January 20.

Much of the class of 95 will rise again as Radiohead, Black Grape, Supergrass, Elastica, Cast and the Charlatans all return, but it may be some months before tabloid editors can again depend upon Jarvis Cocker on a slow news day, as Pulp's follow-up to Different Class is still a work in progress.

Memories and loyalties will be tested by the long-serving James,

between 1990 and 1993, whose to dust, is likely to return to Whiplash is released on February 24. Morrissey, licking his wounds and tending to his wallet after his High Court drubbing last month, will be under pressure to arrest a creative and commercial decline with his next album. to be pre-

viewed with a single in late March. Newcomers of whom England expects more than most include Mansun, whose recent Top 15 hit Wide Open Space heightened anticipation for their first album Attack of the Grey Lantern (out next month). Geneva, labelmates of Suede at Nude Records, are also widely fancied, with a debut set due in May, and John Squire, who managed to get out of the Stone

prominence with his new outfit Seahorses, currently ensconced in a Los Angeles studio with the veteran producer Tony Visconti.

One of Visconti's most famous former charges, David Bowie, is kneedeep in wrapping paper and rehearsals. His 50th birthday will be marked variously by BBC2's Changes interview tomorrow evening. ITV's David Bowie Night next Tuesday and an all-star concert on January 9 at Madison Square Garden in New York, at which Bowie will perform with Lou Reed, Robert Smith of the Cure and others. He has even found time to make a record: Earthling, out next month and reportedly full of jungle

Bowie will not be the only member of the old guard back on duty. Virgin Records speaks in hope rather than expectation of a new Rolling Stones album before year's end: Keith Richards's Jamaican-leaning solo project is likely to emerge first. Simple Minds are completing an album for summer release, and EMI confidently expects 1997 to be a Kate Bush year. which come only slightly more often than total eclipses.

And even those fans of the palaeolithic age of rock will be catered for. Even as I write, work is being completed in Santa Monica on a comeback album by Supertramp, backed by an exhaustive world tour. Can the REO

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And here's the real spice girls

he year 1997 will see no new Oasis — the pop world is too contrary to keep travelling in the same slipstream and, indeed, feeding off the same Beatles and Cream albums. Instead, 1997 will be a year of odd bands painting smaller pictures; global domi-nation will be given a rest in favour of the spawning of new

Plus! Words are back. After dance pared lyrics down to the odd catch phrase and whoop, rock countered with the incomprehensible roar of grunge. Lyrics continued to take a back seat with the rise of Oasis, who combined the minimalism of techno with the passion of grunge to give us roared catch-phrases. The re-surgence of lyricism and poetry started with Blur's millennium-hugging city-love, continued with Pulp's wryeyed filthy gossip, and encouraged the Divine Comedy and

Baby Bird along the way. This year promises a legion of bands who can talk it like they walk it, spinning Dylanwords and strewing articulate adrenalin in their wake

Ist six stringy lotheries, do that word-thing gloriously. Of Lights has singer Anthony shivering as he watches "the widowed Moll moving through the gangster's bar/As a Jaguar through an orchestra" and despairing with the thought that "all this horror ... and just supposing. just imagine if the world wasn't ending?" The music is that sawing, heart-betweenyour-teeth gasp that Leonard Cohen would be perfecting if Canny young Caitlin Moran deals out a winning hand, but saves her

trump card of a female band for last he were in Strangelove. Their second album is due out when

things get summerish. Live, they're black electricity in s, and built to withstand loud screaming. Riding shullar dark circuitry are 16 Horsepower, whose utterly atrocious name may cause the more wary to run away from them, wincing. However, those who manage to withstand the ignominity of uttering their name in HMV will be taking home an album of demon-driven awe - Have is twitchy Appelachian fight-ing music, blue country and

twangy whisky soundtracks

all the way. As their canny

manager has booked them into all the festivals this summer, by autumn we'll all be doing clog dances and thinking about buying a banjo.

Broadcast's weak link in the chain-of-armour of coolness is that they're from Birmingham. This is still enough to sink most bands, but as Broadcast don't have a hint of the Bull Ring about them, and sound like they mainline their music straight from the Moon, they should weather the waves easily. It's sub-equatic tripping music for those still craving the womb, queasily blissful pop stitched from the threads of the Mid-



"All Suzi Quatro fronting Elastica - big-booted stomping and plenty of choruses to yell": that's the wonder of Tiger

night Cowboy soundtrack. They've learnt a lot from their mentors, Stereolab, but imbued the Lab's blueprint with a sweeter, richer, sleepier baby-brightness. Their latest single, The Booklovers, is out in two weeks.

Of course, speculation on

future success is all very well, but we all crave a certain amount of, well, certainty. Tiger will definitely be as big as 1997 deems it tasteful for bands to be. Their debut album, We Are Puppets, comes over ali Suzi Quatro fronting Elastica - big-booted stomping and plenty of choruses to yell. Embrace will also be soundtracking a fair part of your life this year; they use the same dynamics as Oasis, building their choruses sky-high and very clearly indicating where stadium-sized audiences should be singing

The most definite of all bets, though, are Kenickie a blonde, a brunette and a spiritual redhead, the result of an imaginary collaboration between the Sins and Phil Spector. With an average age of 18, and the wit of Eddie Izzard to wing them into the eager arms of the press and TV. Kenickie have 1997 sewn up. There's the forthcoming single (I'm Your Car) and a debut album in spring (it's a rush of vivid pop genius).

Most importantly, however, they will be touring almost every city in Britain this year. You must see them. Imagine a punk-pop Prodigy with three Keiths and an obsession with expensive lipsticks. Kenickie

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ROBERT MAZUREK Green & Blue (Hep CD2067)

COMMISSIONED by the Scottish Arts Council to write what he terms a "travel sketch". Chicago trumpeter/cornettist Robert Mazurek has skilfully woven his impressions of Scotland in with musical reactions to Brazil (his wife's home country) to produce a suite of bright, airy themes interpreted with great punch and drive by his quintet. Mazurek, a fiery but pure-toned player, shares front-line duties with tenorman Eric Alexander, whose warm, rounded tone on ballads contrasts tellingly with a CHARLIE PARKER

gutsy approach to up-tempo pieces. reminiscent of the sort of muscular, swinging hard bop and soul jazz purveyed by Blue Note in the 1960s, but

Carnival in Scotland

Mazurek's interest in Brazilian rhythms

tifts this highly enjoyable album out of the ranks of retro jazz.

The band's material is somewhat Palace Concert 1952 (Jazz Classics Records CD-JZCL-50)4) RECORDED at a benefit gig for the leftist lawyer Benjamin Davis in Sep-

tember 1952, the 31 tracks range from bop classics such as Ornithology through blues and ballads to swing staples (a frenctic version of Lester Leaps (n) and the odd calypso. Parker's jazz quinter, unusually featuring guitarist Mundell Lowe and faultiessly propelled throughout by drummer Max Roach, is joined by a string section, although the poorish sound quality renders it almost inaudible at times.

Parker himself, however, leaps and soars from the soupy backing, his tumbling, protean inventiveness and the elegant but piercing cry of his alto instantly recognisable, rendering this recording - issued in more or less complete form for the first time indispensable to Bird completists.

CHRIS PARKER

Only one reason need be given for issuing warrant of commitment

Ex parte Conion Regina v Newark and Southwell Justices. Ex parte Keenaghan

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Tucker Budgment December (9)

When issuing a warrant of commitment in respect of an offender over the age of 21. magistrates were only obliged by section 82(b) of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 to state which one of the conditions in section 82(4) was satisfied. That was the only statutory requirement in relation

Only if an offender was under 21 were they obliged additionally (i) to give the grounds on which they were satisified that it was undesirable or impracticable to make a money payment supervision order and (ii) to state in open court the reason for their opinion that no other method of dealing with the offender was appropriate and cause that reason to be specified in the warrant of commitment and to he entered in the register.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved Judgment dismissing an appeal by Carol Jane Conlin by way of case stated against the refusal on April 15, 1996, by Stockport Justices to review the issue of commitment warrants in respect of fines im-posed but unpaid, and allowing an application by Stella Keenaghan for judicial review of the decision of Newark and Southwell Justices falling to pay fines imposed after her conviction of using a television set without a licence.

Mr lan Wise for the appellant and the applicant.

STAUGHTON said that the two cases, which concerned enforcement procedures for fines, were of considerable importance because dred or so like them in the Crown

It was the task of magistrates to Identify defaulters for whom imprisonment was unavoidable and to distinguish them from those where some other measure was appropriate. Nobody could doubt that the task was difficult or that the vast majority of magistrates were diligent and conscientious in

the way they discharged it. Under section 82(4) of the 1980 Act magistrates might not issue a warrant of commitment for a default in paying a fine unless the offender appeared to the court to sum forthwith, or the court was (i) the offender's wilful refusal or culpable neglect and (iii) the court methods of enforcing payment of

The "other methods" were now listed in section 82(4A), inserted by section of of the Criminal Justice warrant. (ii) an attendance centre order, for an offender under 21, (iii) a money payment supervision order, (iv) attachment of earnings, (v) enforcement in the High Court or county court. Direct deduction enforcement which ought to be

By section 82(b) magistrates were obliged when issuing a warrant of commitment on the ground that one of the conditions in section \$2(4) was satisfied to state that fact, specifying the ground, in the warrant,

That subsection was of critical which were both concerned with offenders over 21. In such a case it provided the only statutory requirement that the justices give

in the case of offenders under 21

I That the court should state in the warrant the grounds on which it was satisified that it was undesirable or impracticable to make a money payment supervision order: see section 88(5) of the 1980 Act as amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1982, and

2 That the court should state in open court the reason for its dealing with such an offender was appropriate and cause that reason to be specified in the warrant of conumitment and to be entered in Criminal Justice Act 1982.

In case there had been any misunderstanding of the judgment in R v Oldham Justices. Ex parte Cawley (1996) 2 WLR 681). to which the court had been referred. his Lordship repeated that neithe of those requirements applied to an adult, and therefore to the with section 82(6) was enough.

The Guidance for Sentencers produced by the Magistrates' Association and the Justices' Clerks' Society in some respects went further than the Cawley Thus the enforcement check list

had the following requirement: Give your reasons for finding that each of the above enforcement actions is now inappropriate or likely to be unsuccessful." There was also a draft for a reason for rejecting each of the six other methods of enforce-

in Cawley evidently did not regard

the case of an adult by section \$2(6)

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Regina v Stockport Justices, the sum and it appeared to the alone, and court that they were inappropriate Lordship.

They were of course entitled, if they thought fit, to recommend that more elaborate reasons should be given than the law required but the task imposed on magistrates in a line enforcement court was already demanding: it was for others to decide whether a requirement for more elaborate reasons would promote justice.

Having said that, the last rection of the Guidance for Sentencers headed "Use of money payment amorbising orders following supervision orders following Cauley" which contained advice to magistrates, was to be

stated by the justices in Miss Conlon's case, his Lordship did not consider, in the light of the above. that the justices had acted

In Mrs Keenaghan's case the justices had acted rationally and lawfully except in relation to their rejection of a lines supervision order which in the circumstances was illogical because they relied on the probation officer's report that such an order was inappropirate having rejected the underlying facts which led the probation officer to his conclusion. Accordingly, her case would be remitted to the magistrates for

econsideration. His Lordship added by way of postscript that he was troubled not about the remedies which the magistrates had to choose from as a means of enforcement but the size of the fines which those on income support were expected to pay out of resources which were said to be only sufficient for the

necessities of life. Over a short period of time the money provided as income sup-port might be sufficient for paying small but regular amount wards lines but contingencies might occur which would strain a tight budget to breaking point. The fact that, in an ordinary week, there might be £5 available did not by any means lead to the conclusion that there would be no

difficulty in every week of the year. His Lordship would have prethose of limited means were lesser in amount, or at least lesser in total, so that they could be paid in a manter of weeks, and where reguiar payment was firmly enforced.

The Crime (Sentences) Bill, now before Parliament, proposed a community service order instead of a line in the case of those with in the past. It would also allow the magistrates to impose a contmunity service order as a penalty ment. Lord Justice Simon Brown

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Mr Justice Tucker agreed. Solicitors: Clyde Chappell &

Applying Act to supply of future goods

specification for the supply of a fire

engine. The defendants tendered

on the basis of that specification

and agreed that the engine would comply with the specification.

Their tender was accepted. Prior to

delivery the defendants agreed

certain modifications at the re-

quest of the fire service. The fire

engine supplied was not modified

Informations 1, 3 and 4 related to

the false trade descriptions arising as a result of the failure to comply

with the original specifications. Information 4 related to the failure

to carry out the modifications to

The magistrate found that the

defendants had failed to incor-

porate the modifications so that the specifications had not been com-

specimentons that not overly only plied with: that, accordingly, the fire engine did not comply with the trade descriptions referred to in the informations; but that the failure

morromores: but that the father was caused by an error in the course of supply which was neither deliberate nor foreseen and he acquitted the defendants. The pros-

Mr Jan Crossford, QC and Mr

MR JUSTICE HOOPER said

that the prosecution had to show that, at the time of the supply, a

trade description was applied and

If a vendor represented to a

purchaser, or proposed purchaser,

prior to supply that the goods

would meet certain standards or

requirements, did those

representations continue in force

at the time of the supply, at least

Section 4(3) made it clear that on

Barry Berlin for the prosecutor, Mr Colman Treacy, QC, and Mr Christopher Bright for the

ecutor appealed.

that it was false.

the original specifications.

Walker v Simon Dudley Ltd Before Lord Justice Phillips and Mr Justice Hooper Budgment December 171

Where a supplier undertook to supply future goods complying with requirements specified by the er and it was reasonable to infer that the goods were supplied as corresponding to that trade description, section 4(3) of the trade Descriptions Act 1968 applied so that the supplier was deemed to have applied to the goods at the time of supply the trade description used in the

Accordingly, where the trade escription proved false at the time of supply, the supplier committed an offence under section 1(1)(b). subject to any defence under

For the purposes of section I(I)(b), if a vendor represented to a future goods would meet certain requirements when supplied, force at the time of the supply. provided that that was a rea able inference to draw in the

The Oucen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing an appeal by case stated by the prosecution trading standards officer, Davi Walker, against the acquittal by Mr Philip Browning, a stipendiary magistrate sitting at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court on January 26, 1996, of the defendants, Simon Dudley Ltd, of four informations alleging the unlawful supply of goods to which a false trade description was applied, contrary to section i(i)(b). The court imposed an absolute discharge for

On February 15, 1990 the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service sent defendants "shall be deemed to supplied were equally clearly such have applied" the trade description as to make it reasonable to infer. which was used in the "request" made by the fire service for the engine with its specified qualities. Although there was no finding of

fact that it was reasonable to inter that the goods (were) supplied as goods corresponding to that trade description", there could be no dispute that that interence had to as requested and did not meet the The relevant time for deciding

whether a trade description was applied for the purposes of section (1)(b) was the moment of supply. The prosecution had to prove that goods had been "carried along" to use the words of Lord Justice Watkins in Cavendish Woodhouse Lad v Wright (1985) Trading LR 40. 76); that they were trade descrip-tions and that they were false, it mattered not whether the goods existed or were to be accorded or manufactured at the time of the

There was no requirement in the "error in the course of supply" in Caucadish (at p45) should be treated with caucion.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS, concurring, said that section 4(3) simply required that the goods should be supplied pursuant to a request in which a trade description was used in circumstances which gave rise to the inference that the goods supplied corre-sponded to that description.

The test was a simple test of fact and did not depend on whether or a term of the contract. In the case of engine was dearly supplied pursuant to a request in which a trade description was used, the specification coupled with the acceptance of

that the fire engine was supplied as corresponding to the specification. Information 2 was less easy to accommodate within section 4(3). The request for the supply of a fire

engine had already been made when the requirement for modifications was added to the trade description already specified. Where however, the trade description used in the original request was varied by a sub-sequent request, and the goods were supplied in circumstances such as to make it reasonable to infer that they corresponded to the description as varied, the person

That involved, perhaps, a slight extension to the literal meaning of section 4(3), but it was a necessary extension in order to produce a sensible interpretation in the circumstances postulated.

supplying the goods had to be deemed to have applied to the goods the trade description as

Section 4(3) was designed to cover the situation where the supplier made no express application of a trade description to goods, but made an implicit trade description by supplying them pursuant to a request for goods of their

escription. In the present case section 4(3) applied in the case of each of the informations and the magistrate should have convicted on that huxia sione

in the case of each information the defendants undertook that the fire engine would comply with the trade description requested. Mr Croxford submitted that that was a continuing representation that applied as a trade description of the fire engine at the moment of its

supply: see Cavendish.
That submission was sound.

They might be specific unascertained or future goods.

in the latter circumstances: when he supplied the goods, the description that he had already undertaken would apply to them was a trade description that appfied to them at the moment of supply, provided always that the rances surrounding the supply were such that that was the reasonable inference to draw.

If the description proved lab an offence under section I(I)(b) would have been committed, subject to a possible defence under section 24.

The defendants confirmed that the fire engine would comply with the trade description specified by the fire service. It followed that the trade descriptions applied to the fire engine at the moment of supply. The description was false. For that reason also they should have been convicted.

Offences under the 1968 Act would be committed on many occasions where a breach occurred of a contract for the sale of goods. That was not a satisfactory state of affairs, but it might be justified by the need to ensure fair trading in a wide variety of circumstances.

The consequence was, however, that technical offences would be committed where a civil law claim was the only remedy required. Trading standards officers had to exercise discretion when deciding warranted the intervention of the

The magistrate did not consider that the case warranted a prosecution and neither did his Lordship The case did not fall within the type of mischief against which the 1968 Act was directed.

Solicitors: Lanyon Bowdler, Shrewsbury, Wragge & Co.

When plaintiff cannot accept payment into court

Before Mr John Cherryman, OC Judgment December 13

A plaintiff who elected an account of profits rather than damages could not accept, under Order 22, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, a payment into court, made under Order 22, rule I(I), which authorised payment in in respect of claims for debt or damages, in satisfaction of his claim not withstanding that the payment in satisfaction of all the causes of action in respect of which the plaintiff claims".

Further, as the claim for damages no ionger subsisted after the election for an account of profits had been made, the court could not urder a payment out of the moneys remaining in court under Order 22, rule 5.

Mr John Cherryman, OC. sitting as a deputy High Court judge. so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on a motion

Emap images Ltd. Mr Tim Penny for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Silverleaf, QC, for the

HIS LORDSHIP said that In August 1995 the defendant pubned the September 1995 issue of PC Review carrying a cover disk containing an infringing copy of a computer game written by the plaintiff. The plaintiff's statement claim sought, inter alia, an quiry as to damages or at the plaintiffs option an account of

> By its defence. Emap admitted the infringement, offered an undertaking not to infringe further and offered to submit to judgment for an injunction, an order for damages or an account of profits subject to the plaintiff electing between those tun remedie

On October 11, 1995 the defendant gave notice of payment of £5.000 into court "in satisfaction of all the causes of action in respect of which the plaintiff claims". The plaintiff elected to take an

occount of profits, rather than the claim to damages, but was willing to accept the moneys in court in tiff then sought leave under Order 22, rule 5 to withdraw the payment into court out of time.
The plaintiff had failed to accept

the payment in within 21 days pursuant to Order 22, rule 3 hut argued that the court should exercise the discretion conferred by

nothing having occurred since payment in to affect the likely tain if the action were to be lought

out at trial. Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in Gaskins v British Aluminium Co Ltd [1976] 1 QB 524, 530) said that the discret order payment out should not be or failure at trial had substantially altered because it would be unfair to hold the defendant to a sum which he offered in different circumstances. He referred so court decisions changing the way in which damages were assesse or the discovery of further evidence

In his Lordship's judgment the plaintiff's application for payment out of the moneys in court failed for two reasons.

of information as such changes in

proper construction of Order 22. the plaintiff was not able to invoke Order 22, rule 5 following its election to take an account of profits rather than damages. Under Order 22, rule 1 the payment in which was authorised was in satisfaction of a cause or causes of action for a debt or damages: see puragraph (8) of rule I and Young v Black Sluice Commissioners ((1909) JP 265)-

It was true that, as in this case, a payment in was often expressed to be made in satisfaction of all causes of action when other items of relief as well as a debt or damages were claimed. However, paragraph (5) of rule I did enable

the plaintiff to apply to the court if he was "embarrassed by the Order 22, rule 3 in authoriting

the plaintiff to accept a payment in within 2i days provided: plaintiff may: (a) where the money was paid in respect of the cause of action or all the causes of action in respect of which he claims, accept the money in satisfaction of the cause of action or those causes of action as the case may be... In his Lordship's view, rule 3.

only authorized acceptance in respect of a cause or causes of action for a debt or damages. Order 22, rule 5 provided: "(1) 1f

any money paid into court in an action is not accepted in ac-cordance with rule 3, the money remaining in court shall not be paid out except in pursuance of an made at arry time before, at or after and where such an order is made before the trial or hearing the money shall not be paid out except in satisfaction of the cause or ses of action in respect of which

it was paid in."

in his Lordship's judgment, the concluding words precided any payment out where the cause of respect of which the moneys were paid in was no longer subsisting out was made.

That was the case here. The application was made before the trial or hearing of the action and

The second reason why the moneys in court should not be paid was wrong in his construction of Order 22 and, contrary to his view rule 5 did apply, then in his Lordship's judgment, it was not a case where he should exercise his discretion to order payment out to

The reason was that the plantiff's election to take profits rather than damages did represent a material adverse change in the likely quantum of the financial relief the plaintiff was likely to

Before the election, the plaintiff had the option to take judgment for damages to be assessed. Such damages to be assessed. Such damages would be on a licence/royalty basis the quantum of which the plaintiff rather than

By the election, the plaintiff gave up that relief and limited liself to an account of profits which the plaintiff at any rate judged at nil on the basis of the information supbe a sufficient change in circum-stances to preclude the court ordering payment out to the plain-tiff under Order 22, rule 5.

Payment out to the defendant would accordingly be made under Order 22, rule 1(3) because the cause of action for damages in respect of which moneys were paid not longer subsisted.

Solicitors: Walker Tomaszewski. Carnden Town: Greenwoods,

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rule 5 to order payment out to it. Licence exemption for emergency vehicles

Wing v T. D. & C. Kelly Ltd Before Lord Justice McCowam and Mr Justice Collins

Liudement December 21 Owners of a vehicle kept for use in an emergency were exempt from the need in obtain an operator's licence only if they were a business for the supply of water, gas,

the supply of wheel, gos-controlly or telephone services. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by Elaine Wing on behalf of the Vehicle Inspectorate by way of case stated from the acquitted by Postation bestime on Mary 11, 1905. case stated from the acquittal by Prestatyn Justices on May 11, 1995 of T. D. & C. Kelly Ltd on a charge of unlawfully using a goods vehicle Transport Act 1968. The court took account of delay in bringing the matter to appeal and did not remit

the case to the justices. Mr Mark Bishop for the prosocusor. Mr Tim Swam for

MR JUSTICE COLLINS said that a preliminary issue arose in relation to failure to comply with rules for time limits in stating a case. Reference was made to R v Croydon Justices, Er parte Lefore Holdings (1980) 1 WLR 1465) and Parsons v F. W. Woolworth & Co

Ltd (1980) 1 WLR 1473. His Lordship would not wish to detract from the concern in both those cases that rules should be obeyed and cases brought forward as quickly as possible. However, each case should be considered on in the present case the justices'

clerk had accepted responsibility for the most substantial part of the

tor the most substantial part of the delay. The other parties had also contributed in delay.

When dealing with cases giving rise to points of taw going beyond the facts of the case, it was generally speaking, right that the matter should be decided on by the court. The respondent could be

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN

said that in 1991 Midas Ltd awned

the two issued El shares in A La Mode Knightsbridge Lui and the

nine-year residue of a lease of ALM's premises which were let to

Midas at a mariet rental. Midas was willing to sell both for £200,000 to Mr and Mrs Turner.

The Torners negotiated with

Hurlingham, which was owned by Mr Staples and his wife and with a

Mr Gandy for a loan of that sum.

At meetings on May 17 between Mr Staples, Mr Gardy and Mr Turner the following structure had

I An all-the-shell company to be

the key employees of ALM.

protected, if the court decided that was the proper course to take, by the justices. In the present case, the justices

had found that the company's vehicle was exempt from the need to obtain an operator's licence for its use as an emergency vehicle because it fell within the definition in paragraph II of Schedule 5, Part I so the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences, Qualifications and Fees) ions (SI 1984 No 176).

That definition was now enacted in paragraph 26 of Schedule 3. Part I to the Goods Vehicles (Licensing Operators) Regulations (SI 1995 No 2869).

It provided exemption for "a vehicle held ready for use in an emergency by an undertaking for the supply of water, gas, electricity or telephone services." The company argued that al-daugh the vehicle was not attendvehicle was solely ready for such that it was available for use in an

His Lordship said that the finition could not be read completely literally because any vehicle ing used, when en route, was not being "held". The paragraph was descriptive of the type of vehicle which might broadly be termed an emergency vehicle. "Ready for use in an emergency"

did connote a vehicle being held by its owners for the purpose of use in an emergency.

Even if the vehicle was ready for use in an emergency the owners had to be an undertaking for the supply of relevant services. The company was not.

Lord Justice McCowan agreed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: wayne Johnson & Wight,

Solicitors should beware tax trap

Hurlingham Estates Ltd v Wilde & Partners (a Firm) Before Mr Justice Lightman Judgment December 10

Any competent solicitor, practising in the field of conveyancing or commercial law, should be aware of the trap laid by section 34 of the Income and Curporation Taxes Act

Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division, in award-ing Hurlingham Estates Ltd. the plaintill company. E69,455 damages and costs in an action against Wilde & Partners, solicitors, in respect of a breach of contractual duty and negligence. Section 34 of the 1988 Act

the duration of the lease.

art-Smith for the solicitors.

acquired and to purchase the lease "(I) Where the payment of any from Midas, from which the Turners would acquire its two shares in ALM for El, for £200,000 premium is required under a leave, or otherwise under the terms subject to which the lease is 2 Mr Staples and Mr Gandy to granted and the duration of the lead that 5200,000 to the shelf lease does not exceed 50 years, the company at interest, repayable by landlord shall be treated for the 3 ALM's share capital to become ELOOO, held SI per cent by the purpose of the tax Acts as becoming emitted when the lease is Turners, 49 per cent by Mr Gandy ed to an amount by way of rent (in addition to the actual rent)

and Mr Staples.

4 A shareholders' agreement and equal to P-(PxY)/50 where P is service agreements with the Turners to be executed. of complete periods of 12 months (other than the first) comprised in 5 ALM to indentify the shelf impany against all liabilities der the lease. Michael Jefferis for mme Mr William Stew-6 ALM to repay the £200,000 and

interest after which the shelf

On May 29-all those individuals: the clients, met Mr Peter A. Rowe at that time the conveyancing and commercial partner of the

solicitors. : Mr Rowe, giving evidence, had said he had next to no knowledge of tax law and was quite unqualified to give any warning as to the existence of any adverse tax con-sequences of any transaction, save on the simplest sale of residential

DICDETY.

It was common ground that the chents asked Mr. Rowe to act for them on the transaction as outlimed and he agreed to do so. The solicitors had contended

(a) Mr Staples had informed Mr Rowe that the clients would be relying on the advice of a chartered accountant, Mr Carter-Pegg, in respect of financial or taxation quences or implications: for the first importance of the first importance of first importance for Mr.

Rowe because of his awareness of incompetence so to advise.

Hurlingham denied both (a) and
(b) above, comending that paration
had never been mentioned at that meeting. There was no written record of such an agreement.

which, to have legal effect, needed

Further, common sense require that such a matter should both be recorded in an attendance note of the meeting and in a subsequent letter to the client, so that the client could consider its implications, here, neither was done. His Lordship, alter reviewing

the evidence, concluded that Mr Rowe had assumed the full responsibilities to be expected of a solicitor and that if he had exposed his ignorance, as he should have, the clients would have immediately instructed someone competent In the event. Mr Rowe had

entered the tax minefield anned only with a precedent book, know ing neither what to look for nor the significance of anything he found. There had been no justification for Mr Rowe either assuming that the clients would be seeking any taxation advice from elsewhere, or

believing they had any relevant Therefore he was under a duty to advise Hurlingham how the transaction should be structured and, in particular, that the strucare in fact adopted would exposed it to a tax charge which, by common consent, could be avoided, by merely formal alterations.

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A scientific mystery

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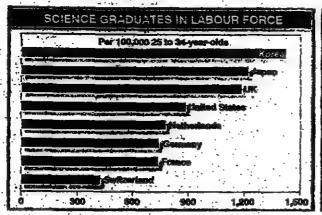
ritain's need for more scientists and engineers has been one of few areas of agreement in education policy over the past decade and more. The unsolved problem has been how to entice more teenagers away from the arts. Yesterday's conference in Birmingham of the Association for Science Education was an unexpected place to find the premise being ques-tioned. Professor Alan Smithers, the head of Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research. argued that there is no shortage in relation to the current jobs market.

He was not saying that the population has all the scientific education it needs, or that there is no scope for improvement in research. But his analysis suggested that quality is a bigger problem than quantity and that fundamental changes are needed if levels of scientific literacy are to rise.

The nub of his argument is that politicians and educationists have been addressing the wrong question on science education. Attention has focused on filling places on degree courses in an expanded university system and steering students towards "useful" scientific and technological subjects, rather than the arts and social sciences. At the same time, spending on research and development has been dropping in real terms, restricting job opportunities in the sciences. The combined result has been a surfeir of poorly qualified graduates and not enough attention to important issues in the school curriculum.

Though more teenagers are taking science GCSEs and the numbers staying on for A level have soured, the proportion specialising in sciences in the opposite direction. Mixing self-





ence and arts A levels has become much more common but only one in five who does so takes science or engineering at university.

Professor Smithern believes that poor science teaching may be partly responsible. More than a third of those taking postgraduate teaching qualifcations in mathematics, physics and chemistry have at best a third-class degree. Only at the height of the recession did universities and colleges meet the Government's targets for recruitment in these subjects.

Another factor, he argues, is the disjuncture between GCSE and A level. With the separate sciences at GCSE now the virsector, most youngsters taking science subjects in the sboth

form tack the depth of knowledge needed to tackle A level. Research for last year's Dearing review showed that science levels were anyway more

demanding than arts.

One unintended effect has

been what Professor Smithers terms the "gentrification of science". Subjects once seen as an ideal avenue for bright working-class boys, who were better able to express themselves in numerical and spatial terms than linguistically, are now more likely to be. taken by middle-class teenagers at independent schools... But the key question is whether Britain needs more scientists or more scientifically literate generalists. With salaries in science and engineering lagging behind those in most professions, young people are

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likely to be put off the subjects by the career prospects. No European country can

match the British proportion of science graduates in the labour force, but the proportion working as scientists is twice as high in Germany. France, Switzerland and The Netherlands, Professor Smithers sees the explanation for this apparent paradox in Britain's relatively low spending on research and development.

ofessor Smithers believes that in the absence of a change of spending priorities, more attention should be given to the quality of education in science and engineering. This may mean more selectivity and some empty university places, as well as

school reforms. He said: "Attempts have been made to expand science-based higher education in the past decade beyond the capacity of A levels and other qualifications to provide. That has involved sucking in students from all directions. Since degree courses have generally remained three years in length, this does call quality into

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The challenge for minis-ters is to strike the best balance between scientific literacy and producing the best engineers and research scientists. Professor Smithers's favoured course is to move to five A levels, ensuring that more teenagers keep their options open and receive a more

Oxford selection: logic or lottery?

its selection process year's crop of undergraduates. The envelopes contain ing news of success or failure should have dropped through the letterbox before the last of the late posted Christmas cards. Is the system logical or a lottery?

As a new Head of House. I have been forcibly im-pressed with two quite dif-ferent perceptions from the outside world. On the one hand, old members complain that there is no guaranteed place for their offspring and suspect a bias against the products of independent schools. On the other, Labour Party spokesmen suspect a bias in favour of precisely such people, and point to the imbalance of state and private students admitted. From conversations with my own college freshers I detect that there remains even among conscientious school advisers a high degree of misapprehension about what colleges are looking for and how they hope to find it.

The attack from both flanks may suggest that Oxford has struck a happy balance. But in the first year after abolition of the formal entrance examination, the constituencies which Oxford serves look for a fuller explanation of what the colleges are about - for each college retains autonomy over its own admissions process.

I have no doubt that my

college is seeking those with the capacity to profit most from their degree course. Achievement to date may indicate potential for the future, but it is not the sole indicator. Colleges do not penalise applicants from top public schools: however. they do sensibly make allowances for strong candidates who have had less opportunity to develop their ntelligence to the full. Precisely that kind of adjustment has been made by those awarding Queen's scholarships at Eton and

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Michael Beloff

describes how his college chooses its

new students



Trinity: "a fair entry system their equivalents at Winchester for decades.

But there are necessary limits to this process of adjustments. Disparate standards of education in British secondary schools mean that some, however bright, would not eatch up, still less overtake, their more intensively educated contemporaries within the span of an Oxford degree course. And it is not our policy to try to redress that imbalance by positive discrimination to the detriment of standards: still less to experiment in

social engineering. Of course there is no universal agreement as to the best methods by which potential is judged. The written examination was abolished because it was thought to favour the well coached candidate from the private sector. Nowadays we operate on a mixture of school record and report, A-level predictions, in some subjects short written tests and interview. And since all offers are contingent on satisfactory A-level results (usua B) there is a safeguard against overoptimistic assessment, although errors of judgment are inevitably made. As I wrote in our annual report: "This college seeks to maintain an admissions system, based on merit which is sensitive but fair. displaying neither prejudice nor particanship. We are as happy when the Trinity spirit cascades down from generation to generation in a single family as when the college is given the chance to influence a fresher from a school, or country, with which it has no previous connection."

is the concentration overmuch on academic potential and too little on other talents, musical, artistic of sporting? Excellence and commitment in one field may he a predictor of the same qualities in another. Between two precisely matched candidates, a richer CV may possibly tilt the halance: and allowance might sometimes be made for time usefully spent outside the classroom at the expense of a perfect score of all As at GCSE.

hat is the result of this process? In rough terms our last intake was evenly balanced between the sexes: with 40 per cent from state schools of whom well over half were from comprehensive schools; and just under 10 per cent from overseas. Sex equality has been produced (within two decades) on merit. It would be fatal if equal numbers of state/ independent entrants were achived on the basis of imposed quotas. Many are called: but few are chosen. Unless colleges remain free to make those choices on academic grounds even so powerful a brand name as Oxford may lose its force. further diminishing Britain's ability to compete on an international plane. The author is President of Trinity College, Oxford.

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Mel Webb on the enduring appeal of a game that has survived an acrimonious split

Darts keeps to popular flight path in Purfleet

t is not pretty. There is fury and acrimonious claim and counter-claim. One side is utterly convinced that right is on its side, the other counters its opponents' statements with scorn and derision. There are tales of intrigue in smoke-filled rooms. of bitter internecine conflict. The world the opposing factions inhabit is riven with something close to all-out

So what is it that is so split asunder, so angrily divided? Could it be an alliance between two great political parties that has gone sadly wrong? And if it has a place on the sports pages, is it a battle for supremacy in the halls of the Olympic movement, or, perhaps, a division among the governing bodies of world football? Something that really matters to countless millions of people and is so split that there seems no possibility of rapprochement?

Darts. Yes, darts, the bar-room game that can be played wherever there is a 13's in circular board, three small arrows a side, and a humble nail from which to suspend the target. It is beloved of millions, fleshes out drinking time every week for three million regular players in the United Kingdom and seems an innocent sort of activity, if one that sometimes struggles in its claim that it is a fully-fledged sport.

Sometime in the comparatively recent past somebody decided that darts was to become a professional game, opening the floodgates to the pursuit of the ignoble quid. It became a huge spectator and tele-vision attraction in the Eighties, and won one of its leading practitioners. Eric Bristow, a lot of cash and an MBE. Bristow's gong gave the game a spurious sort of respectability; there was Eric, the Crafty Cockney himself, alongside worthy district nurses, long-serving dustbin men and veteran lollipop ladies.

The game gained television time and entered its golden age, its leading players the likes of Bristow, Jocky Wilson, John Lowe and Bob Anderson. These were the men who, their opponents allege, were protecting their lading pre-eminence by putting themselves in the vanguard of the great division in the game in 1993. At the heart of the split was the loss of television coverage. It would not do, the big names said: the lifeblood of darts was time on the



Taylor, "who might be the best player ever to hurl an arrow", on the oche at the Circus Tavern in Purflect yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

bodies - the British Darts Organisation and, by extension, the World Darts Federation, which stages the Embassy world championship that starts tomorrow in Surrey, and the breakaway World Darts Council (WDC). Bristow, Wilson and the rest nailed their colours to the mast of the WDC, which is holding its

version of the world championship

this week at the Circus Tavern in Purfleet, in Essex. One thing to be said for the WDC is that it knows how to put on a show. Even in the group matches, which have been held during the week with the purpose of arriving at eight quarter-finalists, there is more

'There is a capacity audience that joins together in daily obeisance to St Castlemaine, the patron saint of lager'

dry ice than in a dozen Cliff Richard concerts, there are scantily-clad young women bearing national flags, there is a capacity audience that joins together in daily obeisance to St Castlemaine, the patron saint of lager. And then there are the

These are no ordinary people. Among them are beer belies of lifelong pursuit of "one hundred and eighty" and its obligatory amber lubrication. They throw with uncanny and metronomic accuracy and have the subtraction skills of a computer, garbed in spangly shirts that make them resemble dancers who failed the audition for the paso doble section of Come Dancing. sporting Barbara Cartlands with attitude. They might look slightly

daft, but they most assuredly know their business.

The first prize of £45,000 is no trifling matter, and when the eight chosen men go to the oche before the Sky Sports cameras in the knockout stages today, the joint-favourite will be Phil Taylor, who might be the best player ever to hurl an arrow. Taylor, the second seed and Embassy titles and two WDC crowns, and is aiming to emulate Bristow's five world titles this weekend. He and Dennis Priestley, the too seed, are the men to beat.

At the end of it all, there will be a winner, who will daim he is the real champion of the world. Meanwhile, down at Frimley Green, the rest will be claiming the same thing. Who knows who is right? Further, is darts a sport or merely an agreeable pastime that outgrew itself? There is no doubt about it. Unequivocally, it is a sport - if it is good enough for Queen and her Honours List. then it should be quite good enough

AN BRIEF

Muster put off by ringing in his ears

THOMAS MUSTER, the too seed, angered by spectators using their mobile telephones, dropped a set and took more than two hours to beat Christian Ruud, of Norway, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 for a place in the quarter-finals of the Qatar Open tennis tournament in Dona

Muster cruised through the first set in 32 minutes but his game went to pieces in the second, when he became increasingly disgruntled by line calls and the constant ringing of telephones. At one stage, the Austrian screamed at a speciator: "Turn off your phone or

get the hell out of here." In today's quarter-finals, Muster meets Jim Courier, Sergi Bruguera takes on Petra Korda, Tim Hemman, of Britain, comes up against the Swede, Magnus Gustafsson, and another Swedish player, Magnus Larsson, plays, Hicham Arazi, of Morocco.

Collins defence

Boxing: Steve Collins will have a rare continental opponent when he makes the sixth defence of his WBO supermiddleweight title next France, will be his opponent at the 12,000-capacity London Arena on February 8.

His six previous championship fights have been against British boxers — Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn (both twice), Cornelius Carr and Neville Brown.

The Collins-Seillier bout will be one of four world championships on Frank Warren's promotion, one of the others being between the WBO featherweight title-holder, Prince Naseem, and the IBF champion, Tom Johnson.

Back on road

Cycling: The former world champion Lance Armstrong, of the United States, who is fighting to overcome cancer. has resumed training, the manager of his French team, Alain Bondue, said yesterday. "He finished his chemotherapy on December 13 and had a good rest afterwards," KCENERK AIKI NE NODES K return to international competition in May."

Armstrong, who won the world road race title in 1993 when he was 21, revealed last October that he had cancer of the abdomen and testicles.

Honours board Basketball: Joe Whelton, of Manchester Giants, has been named Budweiser coach of the month for December. Whelton, who was coach of the year during his first spell with the Giants 13 years ago, took the prize after guiding his team to four victories last month.

The London Towers guard. Danny Lewis, has won the December player-of-themonth award.

SAILING: CREWS UNSCATHED DESPITE BATTERING BY HURRICANE

Tailenders home in tight finish

BY EDWARD GORMAN SALLING CORRESPONDENT

THREE more yachts in the BT Global Challenge reached Wellington, New Zealand yesterday after some very close racing at the back of the fleet and after surviving one of the worst storms of the leg when they were caught by the tail of

Hurricane Fergus.

The first of the trio to reach Lambton Harbour was 3Com, skippered by David Tomkinson, which finished half an hour ahead of the disabled crew on Time & Tide, who were followed closely, in turn, by Courtaulds International, skippered by Boris Webber in twelfth place for the leg.

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Heath Insured II, which almost lost her mast, remain at sea. They are expected tomorrow. Hurricane Fergus caused no damage to the tail enders but produced some vicious

winds and sleep seas.

Ocean Rover, which finished early in the morning on New Year's Day in ninth place after nearly 42 days at sea, experienced the full force of it. Robert Bruce, a crew member, said: "In the Southern Ocean you know that a storm will last nine hours, but this one went on for 15. Instead of the waves being as large as three-storey buildings, Fergus produced skyscrapers which were so deep and steep. The seascape was officially phenomenal', with waves 14 metres high." In the Vendée Globe. Eric

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Dumont, of France, who broke his boom on Wednesday while several hundred miles south of Hobart, is still engaged in a struggle with the effects of the magnetic south pole. Because he has no gyro-compass on Café Legal Le Gout, his auto-pilots

are unusable. "My pilots haven't worked for three days," an exhausted and desparate Dumont reported from sixth place, about 2,700 miles behind the race leader. Christophe Auguin, also of France, on Geodis. 'My controls are giving a position which changes every second. It is too much — I have to stop the boat to sleep or work and I am completely exhausted."

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WEIGHTLIFTING: OLYMPIC CHAMPION CALLS HALT TO GLITTERING CAREER

defending champion, has won two

Suleymanoglu bows to heavy load

THE weight of years and the demands of training became too much for Naim Suleymanoglu, of Turkey, yesterday when he an-nounced that he is to retire from competitive weightlifting. Suleymanoglu, a native Bulgarian, cap-tured the hearts of his adopted homeland by winning three Olympic gold medals during a glittering career at the top of his sport.

"I am now 30. It is enough, I am announcing that I am putting an end to my active sports life," he told the Millivet newspaper in Ankara.
Suleymanogiu became a national
hero after winning his first Olympic gold medal at the Games in
Seoul in 1988. championships, including two be-fore he defected from Bulgaria in 1986. At the Olympics in Atlanta last year, Suleymanogiu, who is only 4ft llin tall, broke his own world record with a combined lift of 7384lb in snatch and clean and

"Weightlifting has given me a lot, and it has given me a lot of joy," Suleymanoglu, who has been nicknamed the Pocket Hercules, said.

"My next target would have been the Sydney Games. But I cannot remain in active weightlifting for four more years," he explained. Suleymanoglu said that he want-

ed to continue working in weightlifting as a technical director or manager.

goal: to rest for a long while and catch up on all that I have missed out on in my youth," he said. Born into an ethnic Turkish family, he was universally honoured and praised for helping

to raise the profile of Turkish sport. When he returned home from leading championships, he would be carried on the shoulders of supporters who had gathered in their thousands.

Crowds of followers would also accompany him to championships to cheer him on, singing national songs and waving Turkish flags. He has been elected "sports personality of the year" in Turkey

for six years in succession by readers of Milliyet.

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RUGBY UNION: THOMAS RETAINS PLACE AT STAND-OFF HALF

Wales restore Quinnell but overlook Davies

AS ONE rugby league prodigal returns, another departs from the Wales team which will play the United States in Cardiff next Saturday. Scott Quinnell will play in the back row for the first time since 1994, but there is no restoration for Jonathan Davies, who must be content with a place in the 38-strong squad named for duty in the five nations'

championship. Ouinnell's return for Wales, once he had thrown in his lot as a professional rugby union player with Richmond rather than a rugby league player with Wigan, was largely a matter of money. Those play-ers plying their trade outside Wales operate on a different contractual basis which Mike

deemed to be unfair. Any shortfall has been overcome by the generosity of Gooff Cartwright, of the Reebok company, the main sponsors to the Weish Rugby Union, so, having missed the four pre-Christmas internationals. Quinnell can win his tenth cap. He is one of three changes, one positional, from the XV beaten 37-20 by South

Burton, Quinnell's manager.

Africa last month. His selection at No 8 pushes Steve Williams to blind-side flanker, where he replaces the injured Dale McIntosh, while Gareth Thomas returns to the wing at the expense of Dafydd James. There remains the anomaly at stand-off half, where Arwel Thomas is retained ahead of

If it were merely a matter of age this would not be a problem, for Thomas deserves the encouragement and whatever international experience he can acquire. But the argument for restoring Davies against Australia last month was that his tactical capability

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would bring the best out of the side as a whole; he would have played against South Africa but for an attack of influenza and Thomas did not enjoy the

most comfortable of matches.
"Jonathan, along with
Arwel and Neil Jenkins, was considered, but it was felt that Arwel deserved another chance," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said yesterday. "We feel he provides the spark for our back division, though there is certainly a lack of consistency in his game. A lot of our good work over the last year or so has been when Arwel played at outside half and we want to move ahead

DETAILS

Irish get frosty response

By Christopher Irvine and David Hands

AS 1F the weather was not had enough. London Irish compounded the fixture chaos by exercising their right to have their Courage Clubs Championship first division match at Orrell tomorrow postponed as a result of nternational call-ups by Ireland.

The move, sanctioned by the Rugby Football Union (RFU), met with condemnation from Orrell, who immediately consulted their legal advisers. They are due to consult the RFU competitions sub-committee today. However, as International Rugby Football Board regulations state that when players are required by both their clubs and countries preference is given to the latter, no change

What angered Orreit was that London Irish have known since Monday about the selection by Ireland of Conor O'Shea, Gabriel Fulcher, Jeremy Davidson

and David Humphreys as a replacement, for the match against Italy at Lansdowne Road tomorrow, yet they only learnt of the postponment request on television yesterday.

The backlog caused by the freeze is bound to be extended. Richmond have postponed their match against Bedford next Saturday because they have three players in the Wales squad against the United States and there will be further clashes of interest on January 18, when a full league programme in England has been scheduled for the first weekend of the five nations' championship.

For all his efforts against Harlequins last weekend two tries scored and a third remains among the Leicester replacements for their Heineken Cup semi-final against Toulouse the holders at Welford Road tomorrow. Lean Lloyd, preferred to Un-

derwood for the past two months before being switched to centre at Hariequins, keeps his place on the left wing. Rob Liley and Stuart Potter

return to the back division and John Wells, who has had a strained shoulder, is named at blind-side flanker though Leicester will not confirm his place until tomorrow.

Cardiff will take an entire international XV into the other semi-final, against Brive on Sunday. Two of the changes from the team that beat Bath in the quarter-finals are in the back row, where Emyr Lewis and Gwyn Jones resume after

CARDIPF (v Brive) J Thomes: S Hal, M Hall, L Davies, N Welfer, J Deviee, R Howley, A Lewis, J Humphreys, L Muscoe, H Taylor, J Wakeford, D Jones, G Jones, E Lewis

with the style of game we played against South Africa." The option of change before Wales play Scotland in Edinburgh on January 18 remains. of course, but Bowring admitted that he would "probably" have chosen the same XV had the Scots been the opponents next week. "Neil was excellent playing stand-off for Ponty-pridd [against Cardiff] last week but when we decided on Arwel, there was no hesitation in having him as full back," the coach added.

Jonathan has loads of experience and that experience will rub off on the others, but we felt Arwel was the man for this occasion." The involvement of

Davies with the extended squad will prove valuable in two ways, if Davies pursues his coaching ambitions after concluding - probably this summer - his playing career.

Quinnell, 24, made his international debut in the 26-24 defeat by Canada at Cardiff in 1993. "I feel as though I'm winning my first cap again. though I hope it's not as big a nightmare as the last time," he said. "I'm just glad that all the arguing is over and that I can pull on the red jersey once again. I don't have to prove anything to anyone, apart from the coach."

Bowring acknowledged the phsyical presence Quinnell, at 6ft 4in and 19st, will bring to the team and is comfortable with the versatility of Williams, who has played in all three back-row positions, as well as at lock. Colin Charvis stays on the open-side flank. though the prompt selection of Gwyn Jones among the replacements, after only one senior appearance for Cardiff this season, will serve as a

considerable spur. But if any Richmond player has forced a way back into the national side it is Alian Bateman, an increasingly authoritative figure at centre, where his partnership with Scott Gibbs leaves no room for Gareth Thomas to resume. dence the removal of the Bridgend player to the wing ahead of James, his club colleague. Gareth Thomas Africa match because of a mouth injury but his consistent form this season demanded a recall.

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Gimelstob, of the United States, raises his arms in triumph after beating Philippoussis

Stand-in proves US hero

By Our Sports Staff

THE United States reached the final of the Hopman Cup mixed team event in Perth yesterday thanks to the efforts of Justin Gimelstob, 19, a lastminute call-up to the team. Gimelstob, recorded the biggest win of his short career Philippoussis, of Australia, 7-

The little-known Gimelstob, ranked No 151 in the world, outfought the Australian, who is ranked No 30, in a match lasting nearly 2½ hours to carry the US team to an unassailable 2-0 lead and a place in the final on Saturday. Gimelstob arrived in Perth only nine hours before his first match against Guy Forget last Sunday. He was on a beach holiday in Florida when he for Richey Reneberg, whose wife was due to give birth.

The young American turned professional last June and his previous best performance was a quarter-final place at the Scottsdale tournament last year. Chanda Rubin, the world No 17, who has not lost a singles tie in the eight-team tournament, had already beaten Nicole Bradtke 7-5, 6-0 to give the US an early

In the other Group A tie, Croatia, the top seeds, were handed a 3-0 victory by France after Forget forfeited because of blisters on his hand. Roma-

nia kept alive their chances of reaching the final with a 3-0 victory over Germany in

They took an unbeatable 2-0 matches. They then made it a clean sweep with a straightsets victory over Bernd Karbacher and Petra Begerow in the doubles. Romania can still qualify for the final if they

upset the undefeated South Africa team tomorrow and Germany beat Switzerland. In Adelaide, Karol Kucera, of Slovakia scored a straightsets victory over Mark Woodforde the No 2 seed, wrecking the Australian's hopes of winning the Australian Hardcourt champion-

ships for the third time. Kucera was in peerless form in brushing aside the veteran left-hander 6-3, 6-4 in their second-round match. The Slovak coped better than Woodforde with the searing temperatures. "He's a tough player and he probably reveiled in the conditions out

there," Woodforde said. Another of the favourites was upstaged in Auckland, lead after Adrian Voines and when Marion Maruska, of Anke Huber, of Germany, 6-4. 2-6. 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the New Zealand Classic, to join her compatriot, Judith. Wiesner, the second seed, in

Ward says he was 'dumped' by BAF

By DAVID POWELL

TONY WARD, the eloquent spokesman for British athletics since 1985, has been not dismissed but dumped", as he put it yesterday, by the British Athletic Federation (BAF) Ward follows Frank Dick and Andy Norman, other high-profile figures from the "Golden Eighties", as a casualty of the reign of Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman.

Ward has had the job of defending athletics publicly during a period when it has suffered a greater number of controversies than any time during its history. From Zola Budd to the

present financial crisis. Ward has dealt with them all. With a reputation for being always available, if occasionally firing before being conversant with the facts. Ward was nothing if not willing.
Other issues that Ward has

had to deal with have included the dismissal of Norman as promotions director, for inappropriate conduct, the resignation of Dick, because he felt that Radford had made it impossible for him to do his job, and a succession of drugs controversies, including those involving Linford Christie and Diane Modahl.

Ward, 65, said yesterday that the way he had been treated was "appalling". He had been called to a meeting with Radford one day before his contract was due to expire on December 31 and offered 212 days work a month. The most appalling thing is

the 24 hours' notice." Ward said. He added that the reduced employment on offer was "because of their budgetry problems", although Radford has not always appreciated Ward's eagerness to speak to the media. Ward, who says he was on six months' notice, has put the matter in legal hands. It appears that Radford does not intend to appoint a successor, which would leave British athletics ill-equipped to meet its professional responsibil-ities to the media. Radford is notoriously slow to answer media inquiries, failing to yesterday to this newspaper's call and missing its deadline. The word "amateur" was taken out of the governing body name_some_years_ago. It should be put back.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

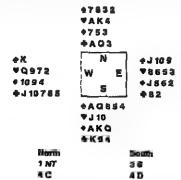
By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The next few Refreshers will deal with the subject of bidding and making slams, a source of a great many lost points at both the rubber and duplicate bridge table. What do you need to succeed in making a slam? Two things:

1. Enough strength, so that you can make i2 tricks (small slam) or 13 tricks (grand slam):

2. Enough controls, so that you do not have more top losers than you can afford. Thus in a small slam you should not have two top losers, and in a grand slam you need first-round control (ace, or void in a suit contract) of every suit.

I think the best way to explain these points is by way of examples. To find out about controls, the partnership uses cuebids. After the partnership has agreed a suit and is committed to game, a bid in a new suit guarantees first- (or occasionally second-) round control and is a slam try.



South's response to the 12-14 INT opening is a forcing Three Spades. What do you make of Four Clubs? North can't want to play in clubs - with no spade support he would just rebid 3NT. Hence logically Four Clubs (known as an advance cue-bid) shows a near-maximum INT opening, with spade support and club control. If all South did after that was to bid Four Spades North would pass - he has described his hand.

South can now see that the combined strength is in the 32-33 point range, with a spade fit in addition. He is interested in a slam but is worried that there may be two top hearts to lose, so he responds by cue-bidding Four Diamonds. When North shows a heart control by bidding Four Hearts. South confidently jumps to slam. I leave you to work out the safety play in the trump suit.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HERMIONE a. Hamlet's sister c. Queen of Sicily

b. A feeble Emperor

c. A conspirator

BARD PARTS b. A midsummer lover **SATURNINUS** a. Friend of Timon

a. A Senator b. A lookalike

c. A faithful steward PHILOSTRATE a. An MC b. A lover c. A miserly father



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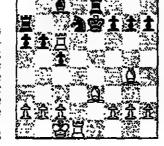
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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is from the game Keres — Schmidt, Salzburg 1943. Black is suffering as his king is caught in a horrible crossire of White bishops and rooks. It is not surprising that White has a quick win. Can you see

By Raymond Keene



Winter sports can avoid chill

From Mr William A. Anderson

Sir, As one of the large number of people who had supported the idea of summer rugby league, I found it galling to see this revolutionary but logical concept submerged in accusation of soul selling and betrayal of history when it came, simply because of the involvement of a large international corporation.

The television contract simply brought forward an inevitable change, perhaps by a couple of years. Actually less than one third of the original nine-month season has been moved, but to great effect. The international competition involving English, French, Australian and New Zealand teams could not have taken

place under the old format. Last week the BBC showed a nostalgic review of Euro 96, a most colourful and successful competition staged in mid-summer. The atmosphere at the matches was exciting, but friendly. Sunny skies, warm dusks and people wanting to be outside contributed to this. Some of the matches at Wernbley had socer supporters realising that mixing with their fellow men to enjoy sport can be quite fulfilling. I think

Peerless Finney

Sir. Your feature on Tom Finney (December 26) did justice to the subject and leads

had the fame that Stanley Matthews enjoyed. In addi-tion to the achievements you

Chairman of the district

A magistrate for over 20

An indefatigable worker for

good causes on whose behalf

all requests were granted with-

A footballer who, in the oft-

recorded opinion of his con-

temporaries such as Bill

Shankly, Tommy Docherty

and Nat Lofthouse, was with-

out peer in his time and who

never had to be disciplined by

referees for unsportmanlike

behaviour on the field of play.

out thought of recompense

From Mr G. E. Briddon

cite he was:

years

health authority

the "feel good" factor of the From Mr Tim Firth weather played a major part. It raises the question of how long winter sports, other than

the financially excooned soccer Premiership, can put themselves at the mercy of the winter weather, which can prevent the players playing, television televising and the spectators getting to and from the games in safety. Rearranged fixtures later in

the season inevitably become nuisances and gate receipts are usually reduced. The events surrounding Francois Piennar's aborted debut for Saracens last Saturday encap-sulated all these disadvantages, especially the unfair burden on the away teams and other travellers.

Rugby league has left all this behind, of course. It has long been, through necessity, an exponent of the survival technique. It was some 30 years ago the first spectator sport to switch to Sunday. Racing, soccer and rugby union followed. Could it be that it is first there again?. Yours faithfully. W. A. ANDERSON. 181 Back Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, Lancashire.

You mention his good scor-

ing record in his appearances for Preston and England. It is

also worth recalling that he was equally at home on both

wings and scored from every

forward position for Preston

and — with the exception of inside right — for England.

There still exists of course.

erent resentment in Lanca-

shire that this supremely gift-

recognition. He was routinely

referred to in the press of the day as the "Preston plumber".

Matthews always enjoyed

more favourable treatment:

"the Wizard of Dribble". -

Garstang Road, Broughton.

Sir. May i add a personal

Two years ago my grandson

Pippins, The Orchard,

Preston, Lancashire.

From Mr Tom Carroll

footnote on Forn Finney.

Yours sincerely

ed artist never received due

Sir, Alan Lee (December 23)

SPORTS LETTERS

was wrong in asking for law changes after Zimbabwe bowled wide at England's batsmen in the Bulawayo Test match. He misses the point that the game went to the last ball precisely because the laws allow this tactic.

manufactured.

outcomes that impoverishes the one-day game. The beauty of the purest form of cricket is that it admits the "widest" use of the full range of cricketing possibilities, including bowling wider than the batsmen want or sticking ten men on a

was compiling a social history of football as part of his studies for a PE qualification. He devoted one chapter to the changes which had taken place in the relationship between players and supporters over the period from the early

Thirties to the present day. At my suggestion he wrote to Finney. In reply he received a personal letter, rich in reminiscence and graphically illustrative of the bread and butter details of his career. Finney also provided his telephone number, leading to my grandson having the honour and pleasure of a conversation with his new-found mentor. Yours faithfully.

TOM CARROLL 14 Windale. Worsley Lancashire.

Sports Letters may be sent

Law changes wide of mark

pairoment is had.

Yours faithfully.

8 Bloomsfield.

(Master i/c cricket.

The King's School, Ely),

Burwell, Cambridgeshire.

Sir. I hope that the cricket

authorities do not rush into ill-judged legislation about

What is more relevant is the

comparative inexperience of

umpires in the new Test nations. One idea would be for their first five or six Tests to be

umpired entirely by-neutrals.

The scheme whereby umpires

from nations where tittle first-class cricket is played stand for a season in England

should also be revived.

6 Hollycroft Avenue,

Wembley, Middlesex.

VALERIE GOLDBERG,

From Mr Bryan Gabriel

Sir, After England's perform-ances in Zimbabwe I'am beg-

inning to think that the bann-

ing of cricket bats might have

Yours faithfully.

From Dr V. Goldberg

TIM FIRTH

is devalued, and little enter-

If Zimbabwe had had to bowl within the confines of the one-day rule, the batsmen would have won the game long before and we would have been denied a sweet finish: sad in itself, but sadder because it would have been

It is the manufacturing of boundary edge.

Lovers of cricket and its marvellous nonsense of a five-day draw realise that this is because cricket is the antithesis of, say, basketball, where in mad pursuit of entertaining climaxes the game is manufac-tured so that both teams score every few seconds, the scoring

a good deal of merit after all. Yours faithfully, BRYAN GABRIEL. 120 South Street, Dorking, Surrey.

Prized trophies

From Mr Matt Sandell Sir, As captain and president of the victorious Oxford University ski team at the 74th Varsity race series, and winner of the men's races, I am now is possession of three lovely trophies that were presented by Courte F. Panding sented by Captain E. Beddington Behrens, MC The trophies have unfortunately seen better days and I wish to try to get them restored to their

former glory.
I would like to get in touch with anyone who knew the trophies when they were new or who has old photographs of

Yours etc., MATTHEW SANDELL St Anne's College Oxford.

RACING: ALL-WEATHER PROVIDES HUNGRY PUNTERS WITH STAPLE DIET AS FREEZE BITES DEEP

Lingfield sand offers welcome oasis

AFFLUENT owners ignore it. successful jockeys avoid it and tradition-bound trainers condemn it But the nation's punters have adopted it like the Prodigal Son. Nothing divides the racing audience quite like an afternoon on the all-weather.

In the same context, nothing better illustrates the conundrum that has befuddled the sport since High Street betting was legalised 35 years ago. As professionals of influence recoil at horses churning up sand, those whose betting habits finance the sport cannot wait to grapple with the form. It may not be racing at its best but it satisfies the hundreds of thousands who savour their

HICHARD BAS

Nap: DOMINO FLYER (1.30 Southwell) Next best: Siouzrouge (2.30 Southwell)

Of course, you won't find purists complaining when allweather revenues are distributed. In their eyes it is racing's brothel: they are glad of the revenue but wish to confine it to the seedy sidestreets. Quite how they will react to Channel 4's live coverage from Lingfield tomorrow is any-

Certainly it was hard to appreciate the code's impor tance from a visit to Lingfield yesterday. In bitterly cold conditions, the stands were deserted until just before each contest, when hardcore punters emerged from the sanctuary of the bar. It was hard to believe that these brief exchanges with 20 on-course bookmakers would effectively determine the odds at which millions would change hands

around the country.

These were deeply committed punters to whom the vagaries of climate and ground had long ceased to matter. As Joe Bates, a regular ... race here than I do at Royal bookmaker at Lingfield, put it: Asoot," be said. "I can take



The runners and riders start out for the Bad Penny Maiden Stakes on the harrowed Equitrack at snowy Lingfield yesterday

The form stands up very well. The surface is usually standard and races are never slowly-run, so you get very few meaningless results. Sure, I take bets - and there are some punters you want to be careful But I also bet myself. If you look at it analytically, you can

make your pension." Another bookmaker, Barry Dennis, scoffed at the sugges-tion that the small clientele could hardly make it worth£5,000 on races quite regularly because people come here to bet. There are no lookers, no posers and no fancy types. It's good, proper business and that suits me down to the

much less the obligatory trilbies of the Turi - were in the minority. It was clear allweather racing had spawned an environment in which the new breed of owner could feel comfortable. Gone are the days when racehorses went

weelth. Syndicates have mushroomed into a significant entity, and many among their number prefer Lingfield in winter to tweed-clad afternoons at Cheitenham.

Such a concept grates heavily with longer established patrons who believe artificial surfaces are the bane of the sport, increasingly, however, racing's funds are generated at Britain's three all-weather venues. The contests have attracted many more runners than has been evident during jump racing's winter of dis-

We are talking big money. According to David Hood, of the bookmaking giant, William Hill, turnover of £100 million was lost through last year's festive freeze -- in which no horse racing of any description was staged for a week. This time, with identical disruption from the weather, the daily all-weather diet has been largely responsible for gener-

ating £75 million in turnover. It is fair to say that allweather racing has succeeded beyond the expectations of those who instituted it. The Jockey Club, which completed

criticism, has validated a side of the sport it would once have preferred to keep under

The British Horseracing Board has inherited a verilable cash register. As it labours could learn much from the primitive message inherent in all-weather racing. It is that punters do not need to see grassy tracks to indulge in their daily ritual. To a grow-

BHB stages extra meetings to help make up shortfall

BY OUR RACING STAFF

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) has sanctioned an additional seven National Hunt meetings to make up for the shortfall caused by the freezing weather. A total of 49 fixtures has been lost and the BHB has secured additional Levy Board funding for the replacement meetings and enhanced prize-money for key

The new fixtures - four in the North and three in the Midlands - will be staged between January 14 and 28. the first of them at Leicester. And with the freeze forecast to continue into next week. more extra meetings could

be arranged.
The BHB racing director, Paul Greeves, said: "Last season we had a dreadful time from Boxing Day to new year and this time the cold weather seems to be biting even longer and harder. We are putting on these fixtures as soon as we can, with the all-weather racing keeping things going in the meantime."

The first batch of replacement fixtures has been awarded to the tracks hardest hit by the cold weather. Warwick will benefit the most with a new race created for leading two-mile hur-dlers to be staged on January II and, on the same card, a £5,000 increase in the alue of the Tote National Handicap Chase to £20,000.

The replacement meetings are: Leicester (January 14), Carlisle (Jan 20), Market Rasen (Jan 21), Wetherby Uan 23j. Uttoxeter (Jan 24j. Ayr (Jan 27), Warwick (Jan

Today is the sixth in a row without racing on turi. The ail-weather card at Southweil has saved a blank day after the abandonment of Sedgefield, Towcester and Lingfield.

meetings at both Lingfield

now. Musselburgh offers the only chance of racing on turf after the abandonment of

Mark Kershaw, the clerk of the course at Musselburgh, said: "There is still some snow, but it has been thawing all day. There is a possibility of some sleet and snow, though."

Andrew Cooper, the clerk of the course at Sandown, said last night: There is no hope at all and we would not have been doing anyone any favours by calling another inspection. Much of the course is frozen solid and it has not been above freezing since Monday evening."

At Haydock, the clerk of the course, Philip Ark-wright, said: "We didn't

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SOUTHWELL A PROBLEM STOWN

have a chance. There is frost in the ground and a covering of snow to keep it there."

The situation at Warwick was little better. The racecourse manager, Lisa Rowe, said yesterday: "There is still nearly an inch of snow on the track and no sign of it improving."

Prospects are already poor for next Wednesday scheduled meeting at Kelso. The clerk of the course, Johnnie Fenwicke-Clennell. reported: "There are five inches of snow on the track. According to the forecast there is no sign of an improvement in conditions until Sunday at least."

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last year's Cheltenham Festival.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS

Domino Flyer to reward Swinbank

to non-existent — just measure the quantity of runners at Southwell this afternoon on a card that should carry a punters' health warning. After a winter of small National Hunt fields, 74 horses line up for six races which include a claimer, a amateur riders' race. With the form far from reliable in such low-grade contests, upsets seem certain and backers will need

to tread warily. However, one runner that should be a decent price does catch the eye. Ann Swinbank had been enjoying a cracking season with her horses over the jumps before the freeze and Domino Flyer holds

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

NEVER mind the quality - which is close solid claims in the Lincolnshire Amateurs Handicap (2.30) after showing up well Handicap (1.30). The four-year-old has run well three times in big fields at this track inside the last two months, including when he won

over course and distance in November and he could offer some value. Cats Bottom won a slowly run race a week ago. his first victory for 21/2 years, and looks worth opposing, as does Twin Creeks, whose two recent wins came over a shorter trip at Lingfield. Kingchip Boy, from the in-form Mick Ryan yard, may be

a bigger danger. Pat Hasiam had winners on Wednesday and yesterday and Siouxrouge has sound claims in the Nottinghamshire

over behind Arapi over course and distance last time.

When Reg Hollinshead books Willie Ryan to ride, the move often pays dividends and Chadleigh Lane has a winning chance in the Leicestershire Claiming Stakes (1.00), while Patina looks well weighted for her handicap debut in the Rutland Handicap (3.30). Lingfield Park has changed the starting times at tomorrow's meeting, which

means that Channel 4 viewers will be able to see five races. The first contest on a sixrace card has been switched from 12.50pm to 1.15pm, with remaining events to be run at half-hour intervals.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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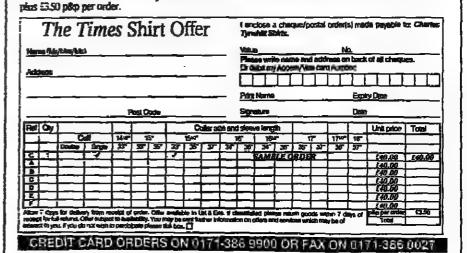




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FA Cup weekend is threatened by Arctic weather

By Russell Kempson

had arranged for its players to

take time off to travel to St

Andrew's on Monday, to look

around the stadium and train

on the pitch, but the plan was

shelved. Stevenage have also

offered to pay half the cost of

Palace's problems appear

worse. Since the completion of

the vast Holmesdale Stand,

and when Arctic conditions

prevail. Selhurst Park has

become a virtual no-go area. Frost had penetrated deep into

the pitch vesterday, with their

game against Leeds United

already looking a non-starter.

An inspection was due at llam

Palace's last two home games, against Stoke City and

Reading, have been post-poned. Wimbledon, who share

the ground, also had to call off

their FA Carling Premiership

fixture against West Ham

If the Leeds tie goes a

similar way, Palace's losses

over the three fixtures could

amount to £250,000. Though a

large slice of it has been

banked, through pre-match ticket sales, the club still

anticipates a cash flow short-

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FA CUP THIRD ROUND OUTLOOK

United on Boxing Day.

the blanket

ing overtime in an effort to prevent this weekend's FA Cup third round from becoming severely disrupted by the big freeze. Spades and shovels. tarpaulin covers, thermal blankets and hot air bubbles are being used to clear and protect pitches as the sub-zero temperatures persist. Only clubs with undersoil heating have been able to give their ties the go-ahead with any

degree of certainty. Birmingham City and Crystal Palace, the Nationwide League first division clubs, have been particularly badly affected. Birmingham play Borough, Vauxhall Conference champions, at St Andrew's but are no more than "hopeful" of stag-

They have lost their last two home fixtures - against Tranmere Rovers and Manchester City - to the weather and are already counting the cost, estimated at £150,000. Even the hiring of a thermal blanket, from a firm in Scotland and at £10,000 a match. has failed to safeguard the ground. An inspection is

planned for comorrow. "We want a perfect pitch to play on," David Sullivan, Birmingham's joint owner, said yesterday. "We don't want to advantage by staging the

efficial Weds v Grimsby class v West Bronsvich

Liverpool v Burnley OPR v fluddensfield

"We'd like to leave a decigame on a sub-standard sion until the last moment like we did in the good old days," Hurst said. "Fans The tie was originally due to have been played at Stevenage would turn up, find out that advice. The non-league club the match was off, accept it

and then go home. "Nowadays, they threaten to sue you for travelling ex-penses or whatever. That's why we have to make a The trouble with that is that if there is a sudden thaw overnight, the game could have been played, anyway."

A sudden thaw today is unlikely. "We're not expecting one in the next few days," a spokesman for the London Weather Centre said yesterday. "If anything, things are going to get colder.

If the 32-match Cup programme is badly disrupted, he fourth-round draw will still go ahead as scheduled on Sunday at 6pm.

Postponed matches will be played on January 14 or 15. which could mean further fixture congestion if replays are required. The fourth round is due to be played on January 25.

Arsenal, in line with many Premiership clubs, have undersoil heating - a network of water pipes run off a gas boiler. They have not lost a game because of a frozen pitch since it was installed in 1985 and their game against Sunderland is certain to go ahead.

of £250,000, with maintenance expenses of about £20,000 a year, and are prohibitive to most clubs outside the Premiership. Even undersoil hearing, though, can malfunction in a Siberian environment.

Steve Braddock, the Arsenal groundsman, said: "The heating dries the surface, which is held together by moisture, and when the air temperature is so cold, any irrigation can form ice on the leaf of the grass. It is towards the end of a season that this can cause problems."

The Welsh Rugby Union ran up a gas bill of £3,000 on. Wednesday, trying to thaw the pitch for Emerging Wales' game against the United States at the National Stadium in Cardiff. However, the undersoil system proved unsuc-cessful, for the first time in nine years, and the tour match was called off.

Several of this weekend's fixtures also been lost, including Bedford v Blackheath and Coventry v Rugby, while the horse racing programme has again been badly affected.

The turf meetings at Lingfield Park, Sedgefield and Towcester today have gone but the all-weather card at Southwell survives.

How the Cup survived war games



Russell Kempson

recounts some

adventures that befell football's

coveted prize

never forget his dis-Alfred, Vincent, Sidney and William - had set off jauntily for Wembley, to watch their beloved Portsmouth play Wolverhampton Wan-derers in the 1939 FA Cup Final. Larry, aged 13%, staved behind. His mother, Neilie, had refused to let

disappointed," Adamso now 71, said. "My uncles all went and I had to wait at home. I didn't know what had happened until I heard the result on the radio." Portsmouth won 4-1 and returned to the South Coast as conquering heroes. Four months later, the Second World War broke out.

rivalry with Wolves in a third-round tie at Molineux tomorrow, thus earned a place in every sporting trivia quiz "Which club has held the FA Cup for the greatest length of time?" It was not returned until hostilities ended and the competition resumed in the 1945-46 season.

Yet Adamson was not to be denied. Pompey treasured the Cup and all it stood for. another victim of its incessant bombing. The trophy was moved on, from safe house to safe house, until it arrived, albeit temporarily, at the Bird In Hand pub in Lovedean, a village nine

Ted Hoad, the then landlord, had connections in high places at Fratton Park. "I remember, it was a lovely cricket team and everyone used to come out from the town. There was a chap just sitting there, playing a saw with a bow. That always

It was then he saw the Cop, perched on the bar. "As a lad, you weren't usually allowed into the pub, but I sneaked a look. It was marvellous." Photographs still hang on the pub walls, of Hoad, his family, and Jack Tinn, the Portsmouth manager: and

the FA Cup.

As legend has it, Hoad's baby daughter had her hair



Steve Moore, the present landlord, with Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager

cut while sitting in the Cup. same infant christened the world's most revered trophy as only babies can. Much of the detail, perhaps fortuitously, has faded amid the mists

amount of trust in the city, a great comradeship," Richard

historian, said. "No one was sure which part of Pompey was going to be blitzed next, no one was sure where the Cup would be completely safe, so it was passed on from one person to another, from one piace to the next."

It started off, according to most records, at Fration Park, and was later transferred to the National Provincial Bank in Commercial Road. Tinn, who wore his famous locky spats at Wembley, also had a turn in possession. One night, as the German planes unleashed their fearsome loads, he sat underneath the stairs of his house, the Cup jammed protectively between his legs.

When Bert Barlow, scorer

trip to Southsea, the lid fell off and was damaged. A naval silversmith was employed to discreetly repair it today, there are no Barlow, 80. the inside forvard, and Tommy Rowe, 84, the centre half, are the miv survivors from Wembley. We played like the team of

against Wolves, took sole charge, he almost lived to regret it. On one nocturnal

the century," Barlow, who Wolves for £8,500, said, "I just couldn't believe we could

He worked in a factory in Hamble, near Southampton, during the war, making spare parts for Wellingtons and Spitfires, and went on to play for Leicester City and ster United. He now lives in Colchester, with his wife, Kitty, and recalls a damage limitation tale of even greater potential horror.

'She christened the world's most revered trophy as only babies can'

the day he mislaid the Cup. 'I'd gone to a dance for the troops at the guildhall in Southampton and took it along to show all the lads," Barlow said. "I wasn't used to drinking whisky and I'd had a fair bit before I decided to go. That's when things started going wrong. "I had a little Morris 8 at

the time and one of the springs broke. Then when I got home, I couldn't remember where I'd put the Cup. I didn't know where it was, I hadn't a clue. When I got up in the morning. I had a look in the car again. It wasn't there, I really thought I'd lost it. Then I found it in the back of a cupboard in the kitchen. I'd no idea how it got there but I was mighty relieved." Beriow vowed to err no

more. "It was the last time I drank whisky," he said. "I've never touched it to this day. And I gave the Cup back

pretty quickly, too."

FA. Cup history is rich fact and liction, folklore and fantasy; from the days of Wanderers, the first winners. in 1872, to those of Manchester United, the victors last season. Every year, every round, creates new characters and disturbs dis-

tant mesopries The people of Portsmouth, tomorrow, should perhaps dwell a while on the day they won the Cup. How they kept it out of harm's way; of the roles of Tinn, Barlow and baby Hoad; and of the initial hart, yet subsequent joy, of Larry Adamson, aged 134.



Hoad and Tinn, left, along with Hoad's family, admire the pub's musual wartime display

Pearce unsure about carrying on

BY RICHARD HOBSON

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STUART PEARCE seems likely to relinquish his position of caretaker manager at Nomingham Forest next week, thrusting the club, second from bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, into fresh turmoil.

The England defender. 34, said on his appointment 14 days ago that he would reconsider the role in the new year, and step down only if he felt that the extra responsibility was affecting his own game. However, he intimated yesterday that he will not remain in charge unless he is given money to improve the squad.

The club is in a state of limbo, pending a takeover, but the likelihood is growing that an offer from a local consortium, headed by Sandy Anderson, will not be accepted by shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting on Monday, despite his commitment to inject £10 million into the club immediately. His bid, supported by the club's board of directors, requires

backing of 75 per cent of the shareholders and a large enough minority are understood to be waiting for alternative backers to come forward.

Since Pearce took charge two weeks ago. Forest have taken seven points from four games. He will meet Irving Korn. the chairman, on Tuesday, but, like Frank Clark before him, he is becoming increasingly frustrated with the situation.

My decision will not be influenced one bit by our results," Pearce said. "The most important thing to take into consideration is whether the club is in the right position to move forward in all areas. I would love to be able to buy some new players. It is becoming harder and harder to compete in the Premiership unless you have money to spend."

Clark, now manager of Manchester City, will not allow Pearce to field Nigel Clough, on loan from Maine Road, in the FA Cup third-round home tie against Ipswich Town tomorrow. Indeed, if a buyer is not found quickly. Clough will be unable to make the permanent return to Forest that he craves, Although the club has managed to defer payment of a £2 million bank loan until the end of January, the probability is that it will have to sell one of its better players to meet the second demand.

By denying Anderson, the shareholders hope to generate time for Phil Sour and Irving Scholar, the former Tottenham Hotspur chairman, to construct a second offer. Lawrie Lewis pulled out of their original three-man consortium, but they are now believed to have acquired financial backing from the Pearson group, and, unlike the Anderson submission, their package is likely to include an immediate payment to shareholders of around £12,000.

Lou Macari, the Stoke City mana has won the Nationwide League first division manager of the month award for

Clubs charged for Norwich brawl

BY OUR SPOKTS STAFF

NORWICH City and Crystal Palace were yesterday charged by the Football Association with misconduct and failure to control their players following a brawl during their Nationwide League first division match last month. Two Palace players, Kevin Muscat and Ray Houghton, were sent off after 20 players joined an 88th-minute scuffle in the 1-1 draw at Carrow Road:

Charges were brought after FA officials viewed a video of the incident and took account of the report by the referee, Kevin Lynch. The brawl broke out when Muscat, who had already been booked, fouled Darren Eadie. Houghton felt Eadie had over-reacted to the challenge and grabbed him by the throat. Muscat was ordered off for a second bookable offence and Houghton, the Palace cap-tain, was dismissed for violent conduct the first time he had been sent off in his

career. The clubs have 14 days to respond to the charges and, if they wish, request a personal hearing.
John Hartson the Arsenal striker, will

he suspended for two matches following his last-minute sending-off against Middlesbrough on Wednesday. The Wales international was dismissed for foul and abusive language", which carries an automatic two-match ban under the FA's disciplinary code. Hartson will miss Arsenal's home game with Everton on January 18 and the FA Cup fourth round, if Arsenal beat Sunderland in the third round at Highbury tomorrow, a game in which he is likely to replace the suspend-

ed Ian Wright.
While Arsenal's disciplinary problems mount Liverpool have emerged top of the fair play league as well as the FA Carting Premiership. Liverpool lead from Shef-field Wednesday, Manchester United and Everton. Points are awarded for the least

wards the referee and the behaviour of officials. Nottingham Forest top the table for well-behaved supporters from Black-burn and Sheffield Wednesday, Leeds United are bottom of both leagues.

Frank Clark, the new Manchester City manager, has made his first appointment, and taken his first tentative step into the transfer market. Clark, four days into the job, has appointed Richard Money, the former Liverpool defender, as his firstteam coach. He has also approached Blackburn Rovers with a request to take the versatile Paul Warhurst, once a City player, on loan.

Paul Ince, the England midfield player, is not for sale, officials of Internationale said yesterday. "Ince will remain with us for this season and I don't think he will go to Arsenal. We are very satisfied with him," Sandro Sabatini, a spokesman for the Milan club, said, "We don't want to put Ince on the market."

SNOOKER: SCOT BENEFIT'S FROM EXPERIENCE DURING DEFEAT OF MORGAN

McManus proves a practised hand

BY PHIL YATES

ALAN McMANUS and Nigel Bond successfully dusted off their Christmas cobwebs to reach the quarter-finals of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, yesterday.

It was a case of once bitten, twice shy for McManus, who appeared relatively sharp in beating Darren Morgan 5-1. Twelve months ago, at the corresponding stage of the event, he was unexpectedly defeated by Willie Thorne.

"I couldn't pot a ball last year because I hadn't picked my cue up for a couple of weeks beforehand." McManus explained. This time, I was determined to start practising straight after Boxably well-prepared."
Runs of 41, 74, and 52 carried McManus into a 3-1 lead before he crucially stole the fifth frame to leave Morgan deflated. Trailing 50-26, McManus fluked a snooker. Morgan escaped, but left a straighdorward initial red and sat out a decisive 36

ing Day and I arrived reason-

clearance to pink. That brought up 4-1 and McManus duly sealed Mor-gan's fate by clearing the colours to win the sixth frame

on the black. He will next meet John Higgins, one of his teammates during Scotland's successful World Cup campaign in Thailand in November. McManus left no one in any doubt that he will be especially eager to end a sequence of six surprisingly fell apart in the later stages. While he aggre-

ionship last season.

The diligent Glaswegian is also optimistic about his form in the coming months. I always seem to improve as the season goes on and I think my best is definitely still to come," he said. Bond possesses an equally

consecutive defeats against

drubbing in the second round

of the Embassy world champ-

Higgins, including a 13-5

poor head-to-head record against Stephen Hendry, his quarter-final opponent, after a of Canada, in which he recovered from a 2-1 deficit.

kings and runner-up in the

2 win over Alain Robidoux. Robidoux, up to eighth in the provisional world ran-

gated a mere 32 points in the closing four frames. Bond constructed breaks of 49, 78, and 87. Bond has managed to beat

Hendry only twice in 13 previous encounters and will need to be at his sharpest to upset the world champion. Steve Davis, who has failed

to add to an unprecedented total of 70 tournament wins since the Regal Welsh Open of January, 1995, is confident of improving that tally after displaying vintage cueing in brushing aside Higgins, the world No 2, 6-2 during a Dr Martens European League match last week. Davis highlighted one of his most impressive performances for some time with three century breaks, one of which was a 139

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England's fall from graciousness can be traced back to Faisalabad

Poor sportsmen afflicted by siege mentality

n the old days, an England with three aims in mind: (1) to win a lot of cricket marches, (2) to act the missionary for England and for the game and (3) to see the world and have a damned good time.

Things have changed. True:
a modern England cricket team still aims to win cricket matches. But all notions of missionising have vanished, partly under the stresses of constant failure to fulfil aim one, and the very idea of having a good time is frowned upon. Try flying a Tiger Moth

and see where that gets you, On the tour of Zimbabwe, the England cricketers have failed to win any match worth winning and they have lost too. many in utterly humiliating circumstances. But that is not the worst of it. They have also managed to get themselves roundly hated in a country that is remarkably mildtempered and unchippy by Test match standards.

If you can't win, you can at least behave graciously; after all, you tend to cut a slightly more grown up figure if you do so. Very few people are impressed by the sulks.

England have made an utter hash of the role of missionary in one of the few cricket countries where such a notion is still vaguely relevant. coming across as poor sportsmen and poorer sports. As for enjoying themselves: well, per-ish the thought. The England cricket team have. I gather, been in a state of siege mentality from day one.

And that way lies disaster. A few weeks ago I watched a very small girl sitting by herself in an empty arena. Just sitting. She was Gina Gogean. the Romanian gymnast. She was enacting a standard piece of sports psychology: coming to terms with the place of competition. Learning it; making friends with it; making the

This is a basic part of the business of being a professional athlete. But the England cricket team not only neglect it: they actively cultivate hostility. And it is utterly counterproductive. Q. E.D.

Zimbabwe is a wonderful place: rich, beautiful, extraordinary. The cricket team have responded to its wonders by lurking about in the team room of whatever hotel they find themselves in and playing a word game called Balderdash. Yesterday, by way of adventure, they went out to play golf against each other. Some, Nick Knight, Jack Simon Barnes complains that losing is bad enough without suking about it

Russell, attempt to see furtifier, but most prefer the safety of the team hotel and the solace of each others company, it is an approach that would non Eden min a prison sentence.

What a spirally like it was

What a splendid idea it was, then, to bring in Ian Botham as a motivator. He, more than any other cricketer. reponsible for the bunkerseeking, we ate-the-press mentality. These days, if you do not hate abroad and bare the press you are not fitting in, that most terrible of tuning

Such an approach might be justified if it brought results, since that is the first aim of a touring party, but it does not It has the reverse effect. And the worse the results get, the more a touring party becomes

England lost the plot, forgot the point of touring, the point of sport.

wedded to it. For an England touring cricketer, life is a siege, the hapless victims surrounded by a kind country and people of goodwill.

How did England get like

this? How did they learn this savage resentment of the outside, the real world? Alastair Campbell, the Zimbahwe captain, talked of England's 'soperiority complex, but that dorsing quite hit the mark. England seem instead turn in half: with an ancient superior ity complex pulling one way

and the more modern complex of interiority pulling the other. Where did it come from this critical lice of self-belief. More there tole moment in which the self-childeng of a genuty



Botham: Mr Motivator

I believe there was, and that was the Shakoor Rana incident: that moment when an entire Test match was halsed because the England cricker explain was upset.

numbers. In the ten years preceding Shakoor Rana England won five series absord, including two in Austraffa. They drew two, lost seven in the decade since Shakoor Rana, they have won abroad just once, in New Zoaland, They drew another New Zealand series, a onematch series in Australia, and the current series in Zimbahave all been lost.

Concidence? I am not so sure England cricket was not much embarrassed by the

Shakoor Rana incident as shattered — and totally bewildered. They could not understand the condemnation that fell upon them from all sides. Eng-lish cricket was caught between two attitudes: ancient imperial arrogance. and modern boot-faced

What do they know of cricket who only cricket know? England lost the plot. They forgot the point of touring, the point of cricket, the point of sport. They lost matches, they

And, hurt and bewildered as never before, the England cricket authorities paid each member of the side a £1,000 "hardship bonus". This was nothing less than an up-you sture at Shakoor Rana, Pagesture at amazon and Thus kistan, and the world. Thus xenophobia was institution-

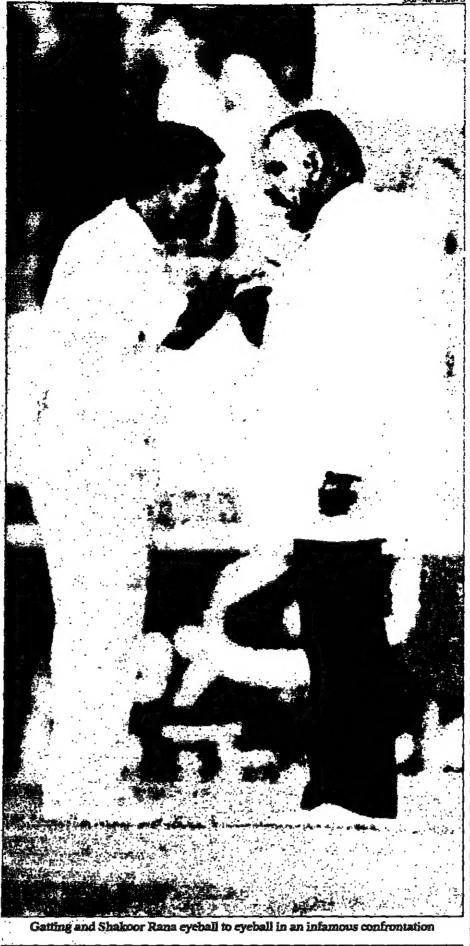
Every tour since that moment in Faisalabad in December 1987 has been characterised by sulking resentment of the country the team has ** represent it Compare and contrast with Mark Taylor, the captain of Australia, who tougad Pakistan with a wild determination to charm; to enjoy the country, its people and its cricket. Australia won both friends and cricket

> English cricket needs to take lessons in worldliness, in szvoir faire, in simple good sense and in gentlemanliness in challenging circumstances. I suggest England cricket tries to learn it from the Australians. They will soon have the opportunity to do so at close

However, the purest batting of

the day came from Cullinan,

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Houghton's plan knocks out Atherton FROM SIMON WILDE IN HARARE

IT IS hardly an original tactic but the rewards are too great for any opponents to ignore: undermine Michael Atherton and you undermine England. The difference in the past six weeks has been that Zimba-

bwe have succeeded to an extent matched by few teams. A total of 178 runs in 12 visits to the crease, including 34 in four Test innings, tells its own story about the torments experienced by the England captain. It is one of the worst patches

of his career - not helped. admittedly, by a recurrence of his back problem in the tour's early days — and has un-doubtedly played its part in England's failure to dominate opponents who have delighted at any opportunity to deny them the right to feel superior over Test cricket's newest

"From the very start it was my main tactic to give Atherton the hardest tour of all." David Houghton, the Zimbabwe player-coach, said yesterday. "England's batting has revolved around him for such a long time that I was convinced if he did not score runs it would affect others in the

"As an opener, he was obviously going to be facing the new ball a lot and I told our bowlers to keep the ball pitched up to him and look to have him caught behind or leg-before. What we all had to do was cut out his favourite cut strokes."

The response from Houghton's bowlers has been remarkable. They have carried out his instructions to the letter in a way it is hard to imagine a group of English bowlers doing. They have relentlessly probed his tech-nique, duly pitching the ball up, giving him little to hit on the off side and inviting him to attempt to play the ball through the on side, often with

An analysis of Atherton's dismissals illustrates the point. He has been out leg-before once, bowled twice, caught at the wicket twice. caught at first slip twice and tempting to hit the ball through the on side. Nor has this been the work of one or two key players: nine bowlers have claimed his wicket. Streak, Paul Strang and Olonga twice.

More often than not Atherton has failed to see off the new ball, something he used to do in his sleep, and although he has been criticised by some for dropping himself down to No 5 two days ago on the grounds that he should play the anchor role in one-day cricket or not play at all, it was noticeable that he produced one of his freest innings of the

tour in scoring 25 from 39 balls. He intends to bat at No 5 again today in the third oneday international.

Houghton attributes sume of England's problems to the absence of an all-rounder. They have lacked a genuine all-round cricketer and it has made the balance of their side awkward. In the first onedayer they found themselves a bowler short, so for the second they picked two all-rounders, and ended up finding themselves a batsman short.

People talk about our bitsand-pieces players but what we have is 11 batsmen and seven of them bowl. When we were 35 for four in the last match I just told our players that the pitch was not playing as badly as we were, runs were still coming at four an over, and that the remaining batsmen should go out there and get to work."

England made some fundamental mistakes in that game, notably Gough badly missing Andy Flower in the deep early in his innings of 63 and Irani



Houghton: astute

taking too long to settle (and in the process depriving Crawley of the strike), but due credit must be given to the bowling of Strang and Guy Whittall.

We normally bring Paul or in about the twentieth over of the innings but we held him back four overs longer to try a change of pace with Evans, who got away with two overs for six runs." Houghton said.

"By the time Paul came on nearly five an over, which meant that England had to try hitting him, which against the turning ball is not easy. We never doubted he would pitch it in the right spot. As for Guy, he is often underestimated by opponents but he has been a thorn in the side of everyone we have played."

Tony Lewis, the former

England captain, said yesterday that he was not surprised by the team's failure in Zimba bwe. "We cannot overlook the word talent," Lewis said. "Allrounders are a key area. We are struggling to find someone of Test class in that bracket."

Australia summons for Stuart

AUSTRALIA, with a number of fast bowlers hors de combat, have called up Anthony Stuart, of New South Wales, for Sunday's one-day international in Brisbane against West Indies.

Stuart, who topped the do-mestic bowling averages last season with 25 wickets at 13.40 apiece, replaces Paul Reiffel who pulled a hamstring during Wednesday's defeat by Pakistan in the World Series game in Sydney. Reiffel joins Craig McDermott, Damien Fleming and Jason Gillespie on the list of those

Curtly Ambrose, who took nine wickets in West Indies' six-wicket win over Australia in the third Test last week, bas hamstring trouble and could miss today's game against Pakistan, for whom Waqar Youngs is doubtful with a sore

West Indies also have concerns over Shivnarine Chanderpaul, their most consistent batsman. The Guyanese lefthander had a wisdom tooth removed three days ago and is still unable to take solid food. "He is still very weak after two days in bed," Courtney Walsh, the captain, said.

Australian Cricket Board officials are investigating claims that several Pakistan players, who claim they were victims of racism, were verhally abused by the crowd during the match in Sydney.

Police arrested eight specta tors for entering the playing area, including one man who slid stomach-down into the stumps, and removed 86 spectators for unruly behaviour. Another six were arrested on charges including offensive behaviour, assaulting police and resisting arrest.

Kirsten century rubs salt into India's self-inflicted wounds

IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN (first day of five; South Africa won toss): South Africa have scored 280 for four wickets against India

INDIA hung a millstone

round their necks as early as the second over of the second Test match against South Africa here yesterday, and it weighed on them, sometimes palpably so, for the rest of the play. It took the form of a dropped catch, shortly fol-lowed by another, and Gary Kirsten, the man they spared. went on to make 103 out of South Africa's first-day score of 280 for four.

From the slips and gully, where the chances went down, came complaints that the ball was difficult to sight from our of an advertising hoarding or perhaps the contetti of a shirtsleeved crowd; but I am not sure that they were convinced

It was a pity, because after the horrors of last week's Test in Durban, in which India were bowled out twice in what amounted to well under a full day's play, the touring side very much needed to start out on the right foot here.

Kirsten is too dogged, too experienced a player to look such a gift horse in the mouth. He can be as adhesive in Test cricket as he is aggressive in the one-day game. Which England left-hander shall I liken him to? Perhaps Hugh Morris, of Glamorgan, is as good a comparison as any - a batsman whose lighting qualities could well have served England admirably had he been given more of a chance. This was Kirsten's fourth

Test hundred and took his

Kirsten: dogged

that he had Bacher caught at the wicket down the leg side. hooking.

stroke given only to the most highly gifted. Any consolation India were able to take from the first hour would have come from the fact that they were not batting. Because of the catches that went down, Srinath and Prasad had nothing to show for 14 excellent overs, bowled at no great pace but to a good, eighth ball of the match. The ball was usually doing

a bit, mostly off the pitch, and a nice fresh breeze made it a lovely morning for bowling. With the gates closed, the ground was as full and the large pavilion as relatively empty as for the Test match ainst England a year ago, which meant an attendance of approximately 15,000.

full length

Despite his four slips and a gully. Srinath's first six overs cost a mere two runs. As frustration overcame him later in the day, he bowled shorter and less threateningly.

The tallest and most pylon-like of an unusually tall Indian side -- half a dozen of them are six footers — is Srinath's junior partner, Prasad, and it was off him that Kirsten was dropped before he had scored and again when he was seven. Azharuddin put him down first, a low and two-handed chance at second slip off the The second opportunity fell

to Kumble, in the gully, a chance that he might reasonably have expected to take 14 times out of 15. One has always associated India's faster bowlers, and Pakistan's too, for that matter.

with the northern frontiers of

the sub-continent, but the four in this touring party all come from Bangalore, far to the The third of them yesterday was Ganesh, playing in his first Test, and they are all

SCOREBOARD

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behest of the Indian Cricket Board, is presided over by Dennis Lillee, the great Australian. Unlike their mentor, they are not likely to frighten the best players out, but they should be good enough on their day to improve India's

By mid-afternoon, however, they were looking a considerable total in the face. It will be to bowl before saying it is a pitch on which everyone should get runs. It has a certain spring to it and South Africa are not in the habit of spending long days in the field No one has scored a hun-

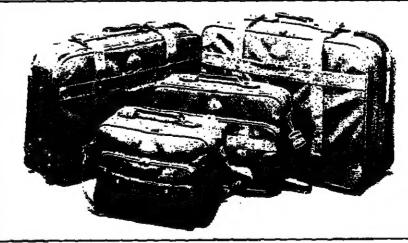
dismal record away from

dred against them in the four Tests played at Newlands (against India four years ago, Australia, Pakistan and England) since they came out of isolation. Kirsten's innings ended when he and Cullinan found

themselves in the same crease. Cullinan having played a ball square leg's left and changed his mind over a single when Azharuddin made an unexpectedly agile stop. Kirsten was already going flat out and, by the time he had put on the brakes and turned back, it was too

In the remaining 21 overs, Cullinan himself departed, caught at the wicket legglancing, and the clock overran by nearly half an hour, not least because Sachin Tendulkar places his field and changes it with such exaggerated care. He makes Brian Close, a great man in his day for half a yard this way and half a yard that, seem positively siapdash.

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David Powell on how the Spaniard put the brakes on a glorious career

Indurain's winning cycle draws to a halt

Induráin, fellow Atlanta Olympic champion and competitor of rare distinction, announced his retirement from sport's big stage yesterday. Even as he spoke, though, Indurain left cycling wondering whether he has been premature in making his decision to ride into the

Indurain, the only man to win the Tour de France in five successive years, disclosed in Pamplona, his home town in Spain, that never again would he be seen competing in professional cycling. If widely predicted, the sense of loss was immediate nevertheless.

CAREER

Reynolds (1984-99), Banesto (1989-96), Reynolds (1984-99), Banesto (1989-96), Rejair victories: One-cley races: (1996 Olympic time-trial (Alianta); 1995 World time-trial oftemponship (Colombia); 1992 Spanish championship; 1990 San Sebastian Classic: Stage races: Tour de France. 1991-1995 (Including 12 stagesi); Tour of Italy: 1992 and 1993 (four stagesi); Tour of Dauphane: 1995 and 1990; Criterium du Deuphane: 1999 and 1990; Criterium du Deuphane: 1998 and 1990; Criterium du Deuphane: 1998 and 1998. 1991 and 1992; Tour of Catalonia. 1998; Brucieta Vasca: 1996; Tour of the European Community: 1998 World Hour record holder from September 2 1994 to October 22 1994 (53,040 km) Renked No 1 cyclist 1992, 1993

made worse for Indurain's refusal to concede that a record-breaking sixth Tour win might have been beyond

"The decision has been tremendously difficult for me because, physically, I am in might still be fit enough to win the much-desired sixth Tour," Indurain said. He shares with Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx and Bernard Hinault a record five Tour wins, though none of the other three achieved theirs in as

many years. Indurain, 32, and arguably the littest man the world has known, failed to win a sixth consecutive Tour last year

ithin a month of and had to pull out of the Tour of Spain in September, a race in which, humiliatingly for him, he was ordered to ride by his sponsor, Banesto, "I do not want to ride but they have made me," the normally mild-

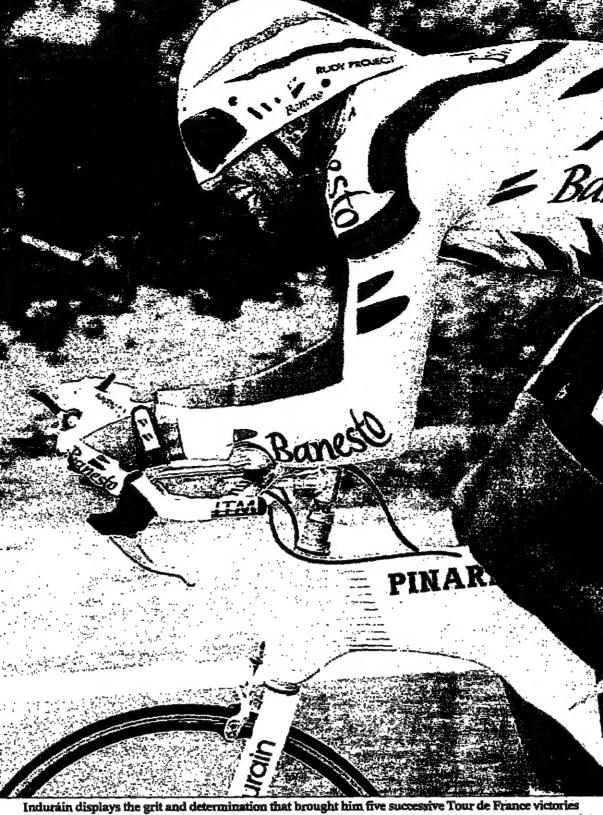
mannered Indurain said. When Indurain withdrew on day 13, a testing mountain stage, after losing touch, spec-ulation grew that he was about to quit. However, only yesterday, his contract with the Banesto team having expired at the end of 1996, did he end the rumours.

"in the early months of this season i started to turn over the idea that the time had come to give it up and to dedicate myself to the other facets of my life," he said. "I believe that I have dedicated sufficient time to competitive cycling and now I want to enjoy this sport as an amateur. I won the Olympic gold medal in Atlanta. It seemed the perfect close to my sport-

ing career."
Indurain's Olympic victory came in the time-trial. His strength in the Tour had been his time-trialling, inviting debate as to whether the annual three-week, 2,500-mile race should be more mountainous. The climbers found it impossible to regain the ground lost to Indurain in the time-trials. He was not without success in the mountains, however, having won stages in the Pyre-nees in 1989 and 1990 before his more calculating tactics took him to his first overall

victory in 1991. Likening himself to a lizard because he functioned best in hot weather, Indurain was tall (6ft 3in), bronzed and Despite his imposing physique — "Big Mig" was his soubriquet - his paucity of stage wins compared with other Tour legends and his duil press conferences meant that he was a largely anonymous figure.

Not everybody was convinced that the farmer's son was the best of the herd. He is not the best there has been. the argument went, because



he concentrated on the Tour to the exclusion of most other challenges. Claude Jacquet, a lungs; he had a resting heartsenior official of the International Cycling Union, the sport's world governing body. opined yesterday that indurain could not be compared to Merckx.

"I cannot place him on the same level as his fellow fivetime winner. Merckx, as Eddy wanted to win every race in the season whereas Miguel only wanted the Tour de France," Jacquet said.

Doctors were fascinated by Induráln's extraordinary lung capacity of eight littes and a heart capable of pumping 50 litres of blood per minute for hours on end.

Only occasionally would a sportsman rival Indurain for popularity in Spain. Martin Fiz was one such competitor when he won the marathon at the 1995 world championships. Close friends, Fiz and Indurain had a common doc-

tor and physiologist in Sabino . for the 1997 season sealed his Padilla and the runner confessed to having been influrate of 28 beats per minute, a enced by the cyclist. "His calmness, the way be alway. sticks to his own rhythm and never panics if someone breaks away, just little by little reeling them in," Fiz said of Indurain's qualities.

Calculations relating to Indurain's income vary. One source said he earned £1.5 million a year, another that his failure to find a team willing to pay him E5 million

Induráin has probably pumped more in though, Marie Leblanc, director of the Tour de France, said that Induráin was not just a great rider. "He was a perfect gentleman, "Leblanc said yes-terday. "Always approach-able, always willing to sign autographs. He was a great ambassador for the sport."

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ICE SKATING

Olympian can climb higher

By John Hennessy

ish hopes for medals at the next Olympics would be certain to range far and wide. Yet, it is likely that such a conversation would ignore one of the best prospects this country possesses. His name is Nicky Gooch, who is not an athlete, oarsman or swimmer, but a winter competitor on ice.

Gooch, from Barnes, does not live in the glamorous world of triple axels, split twist mohawks of the ice dancers. He is a short-track skater, a discipline in which speed, guts and stamina are paramount, where elegance of costume or performance count for nothing. He promises to be the main attraction at the Tesa

ANY conversation about Brit- British championships at Guildford today and

> Gooch, 23, whose star is still on the rise, according to his coach, Alan Luke, won an Olympic bronze medal over 500 metres at Lillehammer three seasons ago and was disqualified from second place in the 1,000 metres. He was second in the 1500 in the world championships last year. In the usual way, a short-

track championship is decided over four distances, as it will be at Guildford, but for the Olympics only two events, 500 metres and 1000 metres, are

This places Gooch at a disadvantage, since his strongest event is the 1500. The fourth race, over 300 metres, is also absent from the Olympic

Yet, talented as Gooch is, he is unlikely to have it all his own way in tomorrow's final. Matt Jasper, of Nottingham, also 23, deprived Gooch of two of his British records, over 500 and 1000, last year, though Gooch later re-established himself over the longer distance.

in the women's event Debbie Palmer, like Gooch a Guildford-based skater, will be looking for her seventh successive title, her confidence boosted by encouraging performances last year - third in the European championships and eighth in the world.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hetherington joins the team

By Christopher Irvine

IN ADDITION to his role as chief executive of Leeds Rhinos, Gary Hetherington has taken the job of team manager from Hugh McGahan as a part of wide-ranging changes to the management structure at the Headingley club. and coaching from a six-man

Hetherington succeeds Me-Gahan, who has returned to New Zealand to market the Super League there, and takes responsibility for players' contracts and transfer negotiations. As coach and chief execu-

tive of Sheffield Eagles for 12 years. Hetherington proved himself an impressively versatile operator.

His latest appointment will not affect the day-to-day coaching duties of Dean Bell Indeed, Bell's remit is being. extended to coaching the Leeds Alliance team as well as the first XIII. Rather than several assistant coaches, he will have specialist support in specific areas of strength and conditioning executive.

"Coaching and manage-ment at this level are no longer a one-man job and our aim is to install a team of experts who can share responsibilities and give players every opportunity to fulfil their potential," Hetherington

Hetherington's appointment ruled out a move to Leeds by Joe Lydon, who resigned this week as the

Wigan team manager, al-though his name continues to be linked with the coaching and academy executive job at the Rugby Football League (RFL) made vacant by John Kear's move next week to Sheffield as football

Jason Robinson, Henry Paul and Gary Connolly finish their short-term spells in rugby union on January 11 and should be available to Wigan for the rearranged second-leg challenge match at St Helens, either the next day or on January 19.

Va'aiga Tuigamala will also play, unless Wasps can reach an agreement to keep him in rugby union until the

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3.00 The Atternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kalekbascope Unplugged. Tim Mexicov reviews a selection of the year's live highlights, including performances by John Williams. Christy Moore and Dmint Hvorostovsky

journalism Here is further proof that Radio 5 Live can effortlessly hit its twin targets, news and sport, with one arrow. The charge it brings against the British press is that not one mainstream national paper has a black or Asian journalist working full-time on its sports desk. There must be some truth in the allegation, otherwise why should the Commission for Radial Equality have launched its campaign to encourage editors to employ more black journalists? Press-watchers and working journalists get the chance tonight to confirm or deny the existence of a colour bar. The Observer sports editor is one who insists that "quality and resources" are the only criteria that influence ob decisions.

Composer of the Week. Radio 3. noon and midnight.

Composer of the Week, Radio 3, noon and midnight.

There are, as usual, two composers of the week. The midnight composer tonight is last week's midday choice, repeated. The moon composer today is Leonard Bernstein whose Broadway musicals have provided Humphrey Burton with an embarrassment of riches. His series ends today with West Side Story. The impact this musical made at its premere in 1957 was phenomenal: rarely had a musical score so dynamically motivated stage action. Midnight brings the conclusion of a fascinating epistolary series about the tides of letters which, for 14 years, flowed between Tchalkovsky and his wealthy parroness, Nadezhda von Meck.

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The third of four programmes
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2.00 Preoccupations. Leading musicians talk of their hopes and fears for 1997

2.16 Music Restored (f)

3.00 Mining the Archive.
Stephen Plaistow recalls a Besthoven broadcast from 1950, and discusses with Malcolm Sims the Catholic nature of pismist Louis Kenther's repertoire and the exceptional quality of his early recordings

recordings' 5.00 Music Machine, with Sus

Bach's six subs for uneacompanied cells. George Prat has been listening to recordings by over 40 performers from Cessie to Rostropovich.

5.30 Private Peessions. Another chance to hear the international hotelier, chet and restaurateur Albert Roux taking to Michael Berkeley.

7.30 L'Enfance du Christ, by Berkoz, With Anne Howels, mezzo, Anthoriy Rotle Johnson, tenor, Peter Rose, bartione, Sisphen Roberts, bartione, Sisphen Roberts, bartione, John Bowen, tenor, and Lawrence Wallington, bartone Bell National Chorus of Wates, BBC National Chorus of Wates, BBC National Chorus of Wates under David Atherton

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WORD-WATCHING

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(c) Leontes' young open in The Winter's Tale. Her affability towards her husband's friend (Polizenes) seems to Leontes like flirting, and provokes his insane rage against both of them. She is bewildered but dignified, both after her arrest and at her trial.

This dignity, and the charm of the domestic scene before her arrest (when she lets Mamilius whisper a bedtime story in her ear) make her one of the most sympathetic characters in the play. SATURNINUS

(b) Villainous emperor of Rome in Titus Andronicus. Cuckold-husband of Tamora. The one determined act of his life is stabbing Titus at the end of the play, and he only works himself up to this after he has been served the heads of Tamora's sons in a pie and seen Titus stab Tamora before his eyes. Provocation enough, you would think, for even this most lily-livered of

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(c) Timon's steward. He is distressed by his master's career towards rain—'I bleed inwardly for my lord'—but is unable to get his attention for long enough to stop it. After Timon's enile, he goes to visit him — "O you gods." Is youd despis'd and ruinous man my lord?" He is given the gold Timon has dug up. on the bleak condition that he hate and despise the human race. Later, he brings the Senators to try to persuade Timon back to Athens. For all that his part is small, his loyalty and sincerity light up the play.

PHILOSTRATE (a) Theseus' master of the revels in A Midsummer Night's Dream. A ceremonious court official who arranges the wedding entertainment, including the rustics' play. "A play there is, my lord, some ten words long.../ Which, when I saw rehears'd, I must confess,/ Made mine eyes water..."

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Wiberg holds upper hand in title race

SKIING

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PERNILLA WIBERG WILL have an advantage over Katja Seizinger, her rival, when the pair resume their struggle for the women's overall Alpine skiing World Cup title in Maribor, Slovenia today. Wiberg, of Sweden, boosted her confidence last weekend by clinching her second victory of the season in a slalom in Semmering, to take the overall lead from Seizinger. the absent title-holder.

Wiberg, who has 612 points

to the German's 494, likes the

technical events and will be

more comfortable in the giant

statom today and the statom

tomorrow, than Seizinger, a

speed specialist, who opted to

miss the back-to-back slaloms

at Semmering to train in her

favourite speed disciplines.

giant slalom world and 1994 Olympic downhill champion, was also weakend by a bout of influenza last month which forced her to pull out of a slalom in Crans Montana. Switzerland. Although Wiberg is a 1991

world and 1992 Olympic giant slalom champion, she has had only one World Cup victory in this discipline, six years ago. Seizinger, who has celebrated the majority of her wins in downhill and super giant slalom, has four World Cup giant slalom victories to her credit.

This winter, Seizinger has made the rostrum at both giant slalom races so far, with a victory in Soelden and a third place behind Sabina Panzanini, of Italy, and the Austrian, Anita Wachter, in Park City, Utah,

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Seizinger, the 1993 super

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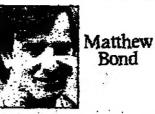
he ghastly starting point for Next of Kin (BBC!) is ancient history, the car crash that robbed Georgia, Philip and Jake of their parents filed away in the great siteom archive under D for death. So, with the street

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by growing. Normally, sitcom children remain a loot shorter than their parents until they are well into their thirties flook at Michael J. Fox). But here Philip (Matthew Clarke) has shot upwards and outwards and been rewarded with his first girliriend. Meanwhile, his aggressively vegetarian sister Georgia (Ann Gos-

REVIEW



showbiz parties -- or they didn't until he employed a new manny who quickly knocked her young charges into shape. Beginning to sound familiar? "But I haven't sung Climb Every Mountain yet," mouned Nanny Fine, played by Fran Drescher

Not heard of Fran Drescher? No. neither had L But whoever she is she has an ego that makes Jimmy Nail look like a shrinking Geordie violet. Not only does she star in it, but she takes a producer's credit, together with separate "created by" and "developed by" acknowledgements. She also, we were told, wrote the story but not. confusingly, the teleplay. Ah. American reticence - don't you At this point it would be fashion-

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able to say The Nanny is far superior to Next of Kin. But for ali that it's tempting it wouldn't be quite fair. The Nanny is un-ashamed star-vehicle fantasy, the story of how a streetwise gir! from Queens - all high heels and take fur - makes it in Manhattan high society, while Next of Kin is still aspiring to live in the real world. The Nanny is also very American some of the jokes I couldn't spell let alone laugh at. But one or two hit the spot which, together with the fact that The Sound of Music is one of my favourite films, means I may give it another chance.

Earlier, the producer of Incredible Journeys (BBCI) appeared to have missed a seasonal trick by cailing his first film A Caribou's Trek rather than anything to do with reindeer. But on second thoughts, Nigel Marven was right - by the eighth day of Christmas we'd had a gut-full of reindeer; the North American alternative would do very well.

y the eighth day of Christ-B mas we also seem to have had a gut-full of natural history programming. Incredible Journeys was going to have to be quite something to restore my flagging appetite for matters biological. Thankfully, it was, charting the caribou's 6,000-mile round trip up and down the coast of

True, there was rather too much doe-eyed chat about "our little call" for my liking, a fact which conveniently meant that it was always

away by golden eagles, drowned in rivers or eaten by wolves. But the photography - barring a rather shaky simulation of the flight of the warble fly - was wonderfully ingenious and precise.

The same cannot be said, however, of the plot of last night's The X Files (BBC1). When Agent Scully starts talking hair colourant, you know you're on dodgy ground. We were. A man called Pusher had a brain tumour that endowed him with the surt of psychic abilities that made persuading people to kill themselves as easy as Mulder knowing that m nin was the Japanese for a samural without a

'Are we talking kung fu movies here?" asked Scully, brightly, No, we're talking X Files, which meant the whole improbable thing was wrapped up in 45 minutes and Mulder and Scully held hands rance. Progress of sorts, then.

6.00mm BBC BUSINESS BREAKFAST (39104086)

7.60 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (43293951) O 9.05 INCREDIBLE GAMES (12/9932) 9.35 SWEET VALLEY HIGH (26) 1406) 9.55 WILLIAM'S WISH WELLINGTONS

10.80 PLAYDAYS (8315845) 10.20 Fil.M: Return To Disappointing sequel to the classic View Wizard of Oz staming Nicol Williamson Jean Marsh and Piper Laurie. Directed

Jean Marsh and Piper Laurie Directed by Walter Murch (85836749) 12.05pm INCOGNITO (6594406) 12.30 WIPEOUT Lest in series (87628) 1.00 NEWS (1) and weather (87293) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44315222) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (31755661)

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8.30 BIG BREAK Jim Davidson hosts a make John Parrott, Paul Devies and Mark & Bennett cueing up to got prizes device contestants. John Virgo referess proceedings (1) (7222)

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INVESTIGATES Gillian's tamily grow convinced Lester Rose is only me her for money and ask Helly to

10.20 FILM: Thelma and Louise (1991) Oscar-winning road movie. Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis grow tired of their averyday responsibilities acid head off for a weekend of freedom on the open would be rapist turns them into fugitives from the law. Also starring Harvey Katel, Michael Madsen and Brad Pkt. Directed by Ridley Scott (1) (87449680)

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Jan Morris in Sydney (7.20pm)

7.20 ESCAPING FROM LIBERTY Historian and traveller Jan Morris visits officer accord the world that have influenced her life (2/2) (1) (796628)

THE GOLD PLANE John Nettles nametes the story of a transport alroad carrying Allied spies and gold bullion which mysteriously crashed into the sea off north Comwall in April 1944 (1) (758154) 9.00 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN Dick

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ha April 1944 a British transport aircraft bound for Algeria crashed into the sea off the porth Cornish coast, killing the Canadian crew and all 12 passengers. The cause of the tragedy was never explained, fuelling suspicions of a cover-up and rumours of sabotage. Locals were convinced that the plane was carrying a cargo of gold, though a search of the seabed revealed nothing. For the last 16 years Derek Fowkes, a former police superintendent, has been trying to unravel the mystery. The film is an account of his detective work, which has involved exhuming the pilot's body and travelling as far as Canada to talk to witnesses. At the end of it he comes up with a theory about the crash which is as ingenious, as, at this distance, it is unprovable, and will delight

The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Double

Ruth Rendell fans should be warned the this is neither an Inspector Wexford whodunit. is neither an inspeciar weatord whodumit, nor one of her excursions into the darker side of the human psyche. Adapted, like the other dramas in this series, from a Rendell short story, it takes its cue from the Victorian supersition that if you to meet your doppelganger you will die, Camilla Power, so good in The Treasure Seekers on Christmas Day, has the double role. Approximating to virgin and whore, they are han waine women whose resemblance to two young women whose resemblance to each other is not only disconcerting to them but to the bumptious, Nick Leeson-type banker (Jason Remyng) who sleeps with one while engaged to the other. Adapted by Piers Haggard and directed by Mary McMurray, both reliable names, it is a slightlish tale, padded out with psycho-babble, though not without its reary property. without its scary moments.

Captain Butler Channel 4, 10.35pm

Often these were contrived and unbelievable but they did at least give the jokes a framework. But gradually the idea has fallen into disrepute and with Captain Butler is seems to have been abandoned completel The show is set on board a pirate ship, with Craig Charles as the weak-kneed captain of an inconnetent crew comprising an elderly bosun, a former African slave, an Asian coo and a soppy young aristocrat. Nobody could say that this opening episode lacks incident. There are encounters with Blackbeard, Lord Nelson and an albatross. But the script, by John Smith and Rob Sprackling, offers a collection of sketches rather than a coherent narrative. Some of the material is genuinely funny, but not when it falls back on jokes about genitals and bodily functions.

Dani Dares Channel 4, 12.10am

The premise of Dani Behr's series is that being a television presenter is nothing like as dangerous and challenging as some of the jobs women do. Just how dangerous and challenging Behr discovers at first hand, as she launches herself into such activities as site fighter, bounty hunter and stand-up comic. In the first programme she joins nine other women on a bodyguarding course in Scotland and in case you are wondering why the series should be scheduled at such a late hour, the answer may lie in Neil de Beer. He is the instructor, a burly South African whose use of expletives, and the f-word in particular, puts even Graham Taylor in the shade. You feel the women deserve to pass their rigorous exam just for suffering De-Beer's abuse, though he would say it is part

6.00mm GMTV (1128425) 9.25 SANTO BUGITO (8269338) 9.50 STEP BY STEP (4206777) 19.20 NEWS (T) 197039701 10.25 REGIONAL NEWS (9702241)

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12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (7991465) 1,50 SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria Cherity Chatlenge 1987 (9207338) 3.20 NEWS (T) and weather (6760999) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (6752970) 3.30 CARTOON TIME (4996721)

3.40 FILM: Cactus Jack (1979) Western spool with Kirk Douglas, Ann-Marget and Amold Schwarzenegger. Directed by Hal Needham (9808883) 5.10 SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria Charity

Challenge 1997 (8488390) 5.40 NEWS (1) and weather (557668) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL (1) (77) 6.30 HTV NEWS (T) (57)

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE with new host. comedian Bradley Walsh (T) (4135) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Trick pays a visit to the social services (1) (41) 8.00 THE BILL An injured man claims to be

the victim of a mugging — but is it possible that he is really a vicious rapist?

8.30 EYE SPY Selina Scott returns with a new series showing real-life crimes captured on surveillance cameras (1) (2390)



9.00 THE RUTH RENDELL
MYSTERIES: The Double Chilling story about a woman and her doppelganger (T) (1512)

10.40 PLIM: Angel Street (1992) with Robin Givens and Pamela Gidley. Two female homicide detectives fight to prove rselves every bit as capable as their sexist male colleagues Directed by Rod Hotcomb (f) (44035628) 12.30 SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria Charity

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2,00 Fil.M: The Boet (1981) starring Jurgen Prochnow, Hebert Gronemeyer and Klaus Wennemann. Powerful tale of submarine warfare based on the ser autobiographical novel Das Boot by Lothar-Guenter Buchhern, following the journey of a German U-boat from La Rochelle to Spain and back during 1941. Directed by Wolfgang Peterson (418346) 4.30 DEAR NICK (r) (77988) 5,30 NEWS (73907)

UK GOLD

Starts: 6.30am SESAME STREET (89154 7.30 THE BABYSITTERS CLUB (90777) 8.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (61777) 10.00 Film: TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY (36174628)
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4.35 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 '6414346 5.20 ASIAN EYE (\$719704)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 MY STORY/ILLUMINATIONS

12.55 EMMERDALE (4230048) 1.25-3.20 Film: BEAU JAMES (1957). A copic of Jimmy Walker, the colourful and controllersal mayor of New York during the roaring Twenties Staming Bob Hope. Vera Miles and Paul Douglas Directed by Metallic Shavelson (17576241)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (80715)

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5.10 SOUND BITES (5092742)

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3.30 WARNER CARTCONS (4996721) 3,40 TINY TOONS ADVENTURES (2505951) 4.20 MASTERS OF ILLUSION (8318593) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8488390) 6.25-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (102970) 10.29 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (962864)

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2.25 FILM: Kiemet (1955) A lantasy musical staring Howard Keel, Vic Damone and Ann Blight Directed by Visicente Minetti (T)

4.30 COUNTDOWN IT; (54)

5.00 FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980) A Miss Marple murder mystery staming Angela Lansbury, Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and Kim Novak Directed by Guy Hamilton (T) (24661) 7,00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (1) (2777) 7.30 TIM HENMAN'S GOLDEN SUMMER

Brian Wooldnige presents an insight into Britain's newes, sporting star, who thinled the British public by winning through to the quarter finals at Wimbledon (T) (83) 8.00 THE REAL WEDDING SHOW Three

different weddings as seen through the eyes of the principals (r) (T) (1425) 8.30 BROOKSIDE Net presents Georga with an unthinkable ultimatum (T) (1112) 9.00 NEVER MIND THE HORROCKS The

acclaimed actress and mimic displays her vade-ranging talents (r) (T) (\$48406) 9.50 KLINIK! Surreal spool set in a Dutch clinic (1) (3/5) (480425)

10.05 JO BRAND: RUDE HEALTH The cornedian discusses the world of health (r) (T) (912609)



Craig Charles as Butler (10.35pm)

10.35 CHOICE CAPTAIN BUTLER A new six-part comedy starring Craig Charles as the cowardly captain of a prate ship (T) (405226) 11.05 THE BEST OF TEL PRIDAY (801357)

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12.45 FILM: Revenge of the Nerds (1984) Campus cornedy starring Anthony Edwards and Robert Carradine Directed by Jett Kanew (476704) 2.20 FILM: Breaking Away (1979) starring

Dennis Christopher Dennis Quaid and Daniel Stem A coming of age tale revealing the tensions beween high college students. Directed by Peter Yates David Rasche and James Belushi star in

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Late goals increase gap to 14 points

Andersen puts Rangers out of reach

By KEVIN McCarra

IN an Old Firm match that gradually gathered itself for the most thrilling of conclusions. Rangers willed themselves to victory with two late goals from Erik Bo Andersen, an extraordinary substitute. In the 83rd minute, as McNamara failed to deal with a bouncing ball, Van Vossen, another substitute, dispossessed him and squared for the Dane to slide the ball into the net and give Rangers a 2-1 lead. Andersen, following a precise counter-attack, was to

score again in the 89th minute. The decisive blows were landed by a team that had been pummelled for much of the second half and they now hold a 14-point lead in the Bell's Scottish League premier division. Should they win a ninth successive championship, the triumph will belong to the sheer character of the

resourcefulness of Rangers has been as hurtful to the skills of its most celebrated players. If the visitors to Ibrox had forgotten that fact, the refresher course, in the form of inute, was brutally emphatic. Until that moment, Celtic might have read encouragement in the circumstances of

put Rangers ahead could

in its good health. The oppor-tunity came when O'Neil

tunity came when O'Neil fouled Robertson, conceding a free kick 25 yards out from the

target to the left of the penalty

area. Celtic could not with-

stand a ferocious strike which

ripped into the far corner of

the net. Albertz had made

impeccably judged contact with the ball, but his timing

was perfect in another respect

Celtic, having too often lost early goals to Rangers and

then found themselves in flustered pursuit of a match, had

intended to put precautions in place, yet still found the Ger-

man's firepower reducing them to smouldering ruins

with a mere ten minutes of the

match gone. Rangers were in a setting that suits them

They did not seek to defend,

but when forced back there

was a steady sternness as they

repelled Celtic. Tommy

Burns's team was able to

create no real opportunities in the first half and its supporters

had to drain what excitement

they could from a free kick by

Di Canio that Goram, with

uncharacteristic sloppiness, allowed to bounce back from

The Italian was Celtic's only

effective forward at that stage, sometimes becoming caught up in unseemly feuds with defenders. McLaren was

booked for a foul on him and

when Goram kicked the ball

against him. Theatrical ex-

changes, though, generally

had to take the place of

heart of the Celtic area, but he

was hesitant and allowed him-

self to be tackled.

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this game. Flu prevented Laudrup and Gough from taking part, while Gascoigne and Laudrup, although present in the team, were also affected by

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the virus. McKinlay, of Celtic had also succumbed to illness, but that did not look so grievous a blow. Here, on the other hand, was a Rangers team that itself seemed likley to resemble a flu victim, so shorn of strength did it appear. That assessment ignored the knack Rangers have long displayed for devising a cure for misfortune.

at Beckham booking

Ferguson shows anger

Manchester United manager. final report. booking of David Beckham after the midfield player was allegedly spat at by Savo Milosevic, of Aston Villa.

Beckham lost his temper after the incident during the match with Villa at Old Trafford on Wednesday, and both players were booked. He is now one caution away from being suspended. Ferguson. however, believes that the player's reaction was understandable, and hopes that David Elleray, the referee, will watch a video recording of the match - which apparently shows the Serbian soitting during a flare-up after a the slate but it is annoying -

ALEX FERGUSON, the late tackle -- before filing his

nothing we can do as a club. We will have to see what the ref decides if he takes a look at the video. There is no procedure to wipe the booking from it is a booking which could have been avoided. Beckham reacted badly, but then people

Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, has said that he will take action internally against Milosevic if it is confirmed that he did spit and the Football Association has said it is awaiting the referee's

For Rangers, of course, that was a satisfying state of affairs. Calmly, they waited for the next favourable moment to will react to that type of thing, it is understandable." come their way. When it did, in the 43rd minute, they initially looked predatory. After O'Donnell lost possession, Gascoigne intervened in a move that sent Moore to the

> The contest had taken a pattern that Celtic struggled to alter and Rangers continued to have the surer grasp of the demands of the game early in the second half. Celtic could hardly leave their team undisturbed as it failed to change the game and Van Hooijdonk was introduced after 53 minutes. The arrival of the Dutchman was to provide focus and strength in attack. He had forced Goram to make a save and the goalkeeper was also forced to block Cadete's header before Celtic equalised after 67 minutes. With play worked across the area from the left, Van Hooijdonk gave Cadete the chance to shoot and although Goram saved, Di Canio was composed as he Canio was composed as ne smoked the rebound home. RANGERS (3-51-1)* A Goram — G Petric, A Micharen, J Bookland — A Cetand, C Moore (sub: P van Votasen, 78mm / Respuson, J Albertz, D Robertson — P Geschigne (sub: C Miller, 65) — A MicCord (sub: E Anderson, 76) CELTIC (3-5-2) S Ver — 8 O'Nei A Stubbe (sub: A Thom, 83), T Boyd — J McNamana, S Domnelly (sub: P van Hoojdorik, 53), P MeStay, D Harmain, P O'Donnell — J Cadete, P d Camo

Gascoigne manages to get the better of Di Canio, who scored Celtic's goal, in the Old Firm match last night. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Hard-pressed Atherton trains alone.

FROM SIMON WILDE IN HARARE

WAS THIS the saddest sight of England's tour? While most of the rest of his team were playing golf yesterday morning, Michael Atherton, the captain, was to be found of the square at Harare Sports Club, the scene of his side's gruesome defeat in the second one-day international the previous day.

By force of circumstance and to some extent because of his over-my-dead-body nature. Atherton has long been used to wearing the hair shirt, but this was nevertheless a striking sight, perhaps because it echoed his predecessor, Graham Gooch, running round the square in his pads towards the end of his reign as England captain.

Atherton is another man apart, separated from his men

by his stature as a player and by the demands of his position, and the words that he uttered before he left for Zimbabwe about his longterm desire to remain in charge came back with renewed force: "It is difficult to take a losing team round with

to play golf but because of his back complaint he can no longer risk it the day before a match - the final one-day international is here today as he is liable to wake up racked with stiffness. But it is nevertheless odd that he should have chosen instead to run his own one-man training session and it was something about which he was slightly embarrassed: "I didn't think anyone would be here to

watch me," he said. England took the decision not to hold nets yesterday because it was a day sandwiched between two one-day internationals, which are reckoned to be draining enough, although after the spiritless way they played on New Year's Day there are not many outsiders who would have apt to their defence if the had been instructed to attend

"naughty boy nets". While Atherson kept private

Simon Barnes

only twice and lose four times. David Lloyd, the coach, was prepared to indulge in more public - and damning from the golf course.

But we were not up for it (on New Year's Day). It was rabbit in headlights stuff. The run rate went up from five and a half an over, to six, to seven,

tomorrow. If they are profes-

Houghton's plan Kirsten cashes in

which has seen England win reflections after returning

When you are playing for England you are in the trenches," he said. "Of course you confront volatile support but you have got to rise above it.

to ten, to 16 by the last over. . "I know how important oneday cricket is because so many people watch it. It is the part of the game that pays the rent. I have had too many. The

sionals, they will be right out

of the trans. One-day cricket is all about looking busy. I would not say that Zimbabwe are a better team than us but their approach was terrific. We got into a position to win and bottled it. We had partnerships when both batsmen were playing the anchor role, Crawley and Hussain and

then Crawley and Irani." Despite the muddleheadedness, England plan to field the same team today. although they have only pride to play for as Zimbabwe hold an unbestable 2-0 lead in the

This means persisting with the policy of playing five ers, with Thorpe again sitting

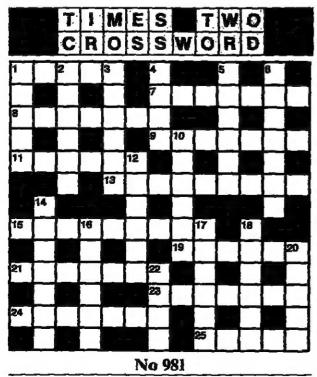
His omission on New Year's cricketing grounds, although players' reaction will come out the was extremely distressed that day to learn of the death of his Surrey colleague and close friend. Graham Kersey. He did not, in fact, attend the

> The Zimbahweans had intended to hold nets at Harare Sports Club yesterday after-noon but they were called off following the latest heavy thunderstorm.

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Cricket mourns death of Kersey

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

AT A time when the most anguished of adjectives are being produced to describe the loss of a mere cricket match by England, it takes a genuine tragedy to restore perspective - a tragedy such as the death, on New Year's Day, of Gra-

ham Kersey. He was not the biggest of names nor the most charismatic of men but Kersey typified everything that is good and enduring about the English game. In four years with Surrey, he demonstrated defiance, resilience and determination, quite apart from an understated talent and an ability, badly underrated in modern sport, to make himself popular with everyone who

knew him. Kersey. 25, was spending this winter, as he had several

previously, playing club crick-et in Brisbane. He was out in the city on Christmas Eve when his car was involved in a head-on crash and he sustained head injuries from which he never recovered. Eight days later, with his parents Don and Beryl at his





hospital bedside, he died. It is not always the flash and the famous who product the fondest reactions, as Kersey's death confirms. Staff at the Oval were in tears yesterday when they reported back from the holiday and were told the

Atherton and Lloyd, an England management team in search of a silver lining

Meanwhile in Zimbahwe, where England's cricketers have been confronting crises of a far more transient nature. his county team-mate and close friend, Graham Thorpe, was said to be "distraught" and the team will wear black armbands in the final one-day international today.

It took Alec Stewart, who captained him at Surrey and shared with him the wicketkeeping duties, to put the qualities of Kersey into words. We have lost not only a great cricketer but a tremendous team man," Stewart said. "He was, without doubt, the most true player's player."

A south Landon boy by birth. Kersey joined the Kent staff after leaving school and made his debut for them in 1991. He moved to Surrey two years later but it was only in 1995 that he became firstchoice wicketkeeper, responding to Stewart's exhortations to improve his batting by scoring 708 first-class runs in the season, at an average of almost thirty.

He was voted player of the year at Surrey that year and, last September, received his county cap. In all, he played 53 first-class games and his part in the team's resurgence was

Paul Sheldon, the Surrey chief executive, said of him yesterday: "He characterised the spirit of this new and fighting side. We are all numb

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